

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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Municipal Court Clerk
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'Go Sugar Creek' To Help Those Who Need



Could you use a little help with some much needed home repairs?

Do you cringe when the code enforcer drives by your house?

Do you need a small remodeling project done so you can continue to live in your home of many years?

You now have a place to call. Go Sugar Creek.

Go Sugar Creek is a new, volunteer organization that has partnered with the Sugar Creek Community Development Corporation (CDC) to help low-income homeowners with limited resources or those with health-related issues to address code problems.

Volunteers with the group recently completed a handicapped ramp for a resident who suffered a stroke. That resident is now able to more easily come and go from his home as needed.

Go Sugar Creek co-founder Bill Haman said applicants will be

screened by the CDC to determine if they meet the qualifications to receive help.

He said he and co-founder Mark O'Renck realized that things need to be done for some of the residents that government is just not equipped to handle.

"We are trying to make a positive contribution to the community," said Haman.

In addition to the assistance for homeowners, Go Sugar Creek will also focus efforts on development of the City's river front and assist low-income residents with code enforcement issues.

In addition to the personal home repair/improvement projects they will perform, Haman said the group is planning to participate in a city-wide clean up this spring, focusing on work in yards and right-of-ways just before the large item pick-up date that is yet to be set.

Go Sugar Creek will be funded with corporate and private donations. The organization will also seek grants and funding from various sources.

Those wishing to make donations are encouraged to do so through the Sugar Creek CDC, 102 N. Sterling. Go Sugar Creek has a 501 3c tax exempt status.

Those who would like to apply for help through the organization may pick up a form at the Sugar Creek Police and Fire Building, 1001 Heroes Way.

This young group – formed only four months ago and claiming 15 members – meets monthly in the police training room at the Police and Fire Building. Residents and business representatives are encouraged to attend a meeting. The date of the December meeting will be announced.

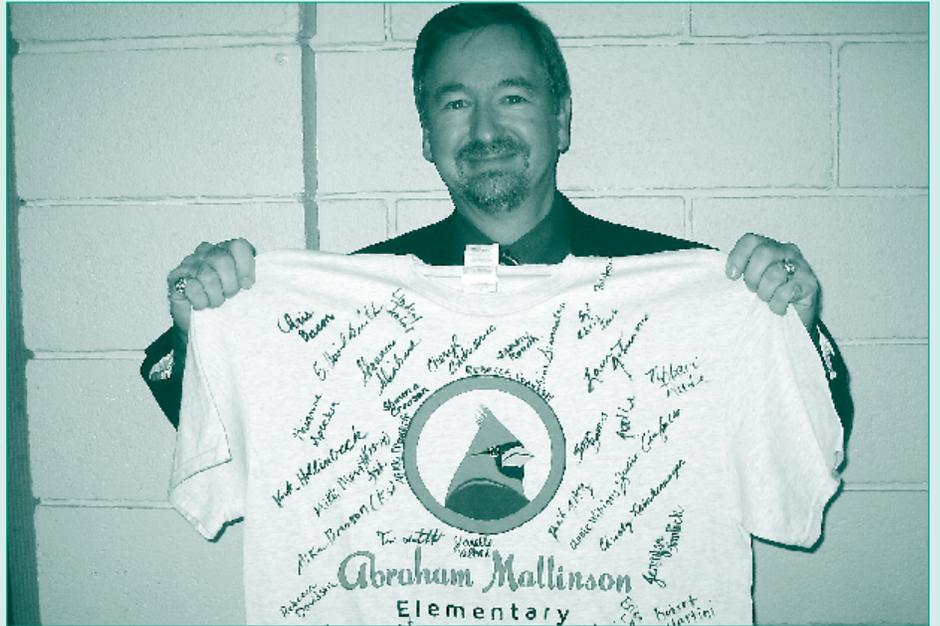


MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

We are a society that yearns for instant gratification.

We are impatient, we want results yesterday. Well, projects take planning. Projects take money. Then projects take time. I am proud to say that several of our current projects have moved from the planning stages to the funding stages. Some are in the implementation stage. Some are still planning. If we do not dream it, it will not happen.

Like a unicycle, each stage can move forward or backward. Our preference is to lean forward and have the wheel move rapidly in our desired direction. Sometimes the bumps are unavoidable, thus we take a different direction, slowing down progress. Put a juggler on top of the unicycle, and things get real entertaining. As long as the end result is our desired destination, then the wheel is still in motion. We cannot wait for one project to culminate before we start another one. We must work circularly, not linearly. Now you get the picture of many unicycle riding jugglers all balancing perfectly working for the betterment of Sugar Creek. The challenges are there, but we have leaned forward and the wheels are moving forward!



Mayor Mallinson receives a t-shirt signed by all the Mallinson Elementary Staff.

The holidays are here. Please take time from your unicycle riding to enjoy your family and friends. From my family to yours, Merry Christmas.

The CCRC says to their donors...

THANK YOU!



November was designated as the annual Citizen Civic Relief Commission Fund Drive. The Citizen Civic Relief Commission would like to thank the Community for its generosity.

The CCRC would like to say a special thank you to the generous donation provided by the Moose Lodge No. 10. Because of this large donation the CCRC will be able to assist many more families during the holiday season.

Other organizations who have assisted during the fundraiser were the Sugar Creek Optimist; the Sugar Creek United Methodist Church; St. Cyrils's Catholic Church; and many good hearted individuals.

Donation envelopes are still available at the CCRC office in the Sugar Creek Gym on Chicago and also available at City Hall. It is not too late to make donations for those who are in need in our community. Happy Holidays!

Mark Swaggert, Moose Lodge #10, presents check to Carolyn Moore and Porky Woods.

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY– The Sugar Creek Business & Civic Club invites all residents to attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Saturday December 7th beginning at 5:00 p.m. at John Wells Park (Christmas Tree Park). Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive at 5:30 p.m. There will be hot dogs and hot beverages, Christmas Carols, Sleigh Rides and lots of Christmas and community spirit. The Citizen Civic Relief Committee (CCRC) will be accepting donations of canned or dry food products.

Special thanks for the support of the City of Sugar Creek, and many local businesses.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING– Public Works department will begin picking up Christmas trees on Thursday, January 9. To recycle your Christmas tree, please make sure all decorating trim is removed from the tree, and place by the street curb for easy access. Trees must be out by Thursday, January 9.

YARD WASTE PICKUP– Yard waste will be collected in December the dates are December 5, December 12 and December 19. Yard waste pickup will resume April 10, 2014. Tentative dates for the bulky item pickup for 2014 are March 31, July 7 and October 6 watch for more details.

SCATTERED TRASH– Please use caution when setting out trash with wild animals and domestic animals left to fend for themselves they will tear up trash. Our crews have been seeing this more frequently. Please be aware that our crews cannot rake or pick up scattered trash. Trash bags should be in containers with a lid on them.

MISSOURI SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL LAWS– In order to conserve landfill space, promote recycling and reduce the chance of

environmental contamination, several items have been banned from landfills. These items include major appliances, whole tires, oil and lead-acid batteries. The Solid Waste Disposal law requires changes in the way we dispose of waste. It is an opportunity for all Missourians to unite at the grass roots level to ensure a healthy environment for future generations.

— Sue Mikula,

Public Works Administrative Assistant/Special Events Coordinator

Parks & Recreation Department

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK TO BE DECEMBER 10– The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Christmas Potluck on December 10th, we will provide Honey Baked Ham please bring a side dish or desert, and enjoy visiting with your community. The potluck will be held at Mike Onka Hall, lunch will begin at 12:00pm. The Casino day trip will be held on December 20th, call for the information. Sugar Mamas will be meeting on Thursday December 19th, We will be starting instructional youth Basketball teams and instructional youth Volleyball teams. These will be for ages 5 up to 12 years old or grades Kindergarten thru 5th grade. If you have children interested in joining we will have registrations available at City Hall after January 1st, 2014 for the winter Youth Sports programs. We will also have the registrations available after January 1st, 2014 for the Little Princess dance that will be held on February 8th, 2014, we will have limited space for this event so don't wait until the last minute to sign up.

— Connie Dickinson, Parks & Recreation Supervisor

Holiday Tree Lighting Saturday December 7

The Sugar Creek Business & Civic Club and the City of Sugar Creek invites all residents to attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Saturday December 7 at Wells park, Sterling Ave and Gill St. Santa Claus is scheduled to arrive around 5:45 p.m. There will be hot dogs and hot beverages, Christmas Carols, Sleigh Rides and lots of Christmas and community spirit.

The CCRC will be accepting donations of can or dry food products.

Special containers will be available.

WELL'S PARK
5:00 p.m.

Special thanks for the support of the City of Sugar Creek, the Business and Civic club, and all who help make this event possible
For more information call
252-4400 or 252-4400

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December 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 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	3 Refuse Route 2 12:00 p.m. Christmas Potluck at Mike Onka Hall 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police/Fire Building	4 Refuse Route 3	5 Yardwaste Pickup Sugar Creek Sugar Mamas	6 Yardwaste Pickup City Employee Holiday Lunch City Hall/Public Works closed from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	7 5:00 p.m. Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting at Wells Park
8 Refuse Route 1	9 Refuse Route 1	10 Refuse Route 2	11 Refuse Route 3	12 Yardwaste Pickup	13 Yardwaste Pickup	14
15 Refuse Route 1	16 Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	17 Refuse Route 2 <i>Filing opens for April Municipal Election</i>	18 Refuse Route 3 <i>Delinquent date for utilities</i>	19 Yardwaste Pickup	20 Yardwaste Pickup Casino Day Trip	21
22 Refuse Route 1	23 Refuse Route 1	24 Refuse Route 2 CHRISTMAS EVE City Hall Closed Public Works Open	25 CHRISTMAS DAY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	26 Refuse Route 3	27	28
29	30	31				

Past due notification date

RESIDENTS, BE SURE TO REMEMBER:

- OPEN GYM: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for Youth, ages 6-17
- TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS: Bus service to residents, 60 years or older, or Handicapped
- ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS: Every Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym. \$5.00/class
- CLUB WALK: M-F from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Gym

NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Life of Ramirez Remembered

Julio Cruz Ramirez, Sr., 79, Sugar Creek, passed away peacefully October 23, 2013.

Burial will be at Mound Grove Cemetery, Independence, Mo.

Mika Will Be Missed

John George Mika, 86, Sugar Creek, Mo., passed away Sunday, Aug. 18, 2013. Interment with full military honors will be at Mound Grove Cemetery, Independence, Mo.

Life of Craven Remembered

Rick Lee Craven, 62, of Sugar Creek, MO passed away at his home Tuesday, November 5, 2013.

Berislavich Will Be Missed

Anna C. Berislavich, 93, Sugar Creek, Mo., passed away Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2013. Burial will be at Mound Grove Cemetery, Independence, Mo.

Life of Casey Remembered

Earl Edward Casey Jr., 82, passed away Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Burial will be at Mound Grove Cemetery, Independence, Mo.



At the library... DECEMBER 2013

computer classes

Computer Basics— Tuesday, December 3 and Thursday, December 5 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, December 10 and Thursday, December 12 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, December 17 and Thursday, December 19 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, December 24 and Thursday, December 26 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.

Computer Basics— Tuesday, December 31 and Thursday, January 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.

crafts

Quilting For The People— Saturday, December 7 and Saturday, December 21 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

Family Story Time & Craft— Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30 p.m. Bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

Family Movie— Friday, December 27 at 2:00 p.m. Join us for a special Holiday kid-friendly movie.

book clubs

After Lunch Book Club— Thursday, December 12 and Thursday, December 26 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— Wednesday, December 11 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 Mary Roberson.

PLEASE NOTE: The Library will be closing early, at 5:00pm on Tuesday December 24th, and will be CLOSED Wednesday December 25th for the Christmas Holiday. The Library will be closing early, at 5:00pm on Tuesday December 31st, and will be CLOSED on Wednesday January 1st for the New Year.

NOTICE: GENERAL ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Clerk of Sugar Creek, Missouri, will accept Declarations of Candidacy for the Municipal General Election to be held Tuesday, April 1, 2014.

Filing for offices commences at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 103 South Sterling, and closes at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

The offices to be voted on at said election and the fees for filing are as follows:

OFFICE FILING FEE:

Alderman, 1st Ward Four

(4) Year Term \$40.00

Alderman, 2nd Ward Four

(4) Year Term \$40.00

All candidates filing for the above offices will be listed on the Municipal General Election ballot April 1, 2014.



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Sugar Creek, MO 64054

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Mallinson Vineyard and Hall

At Mallinson Vineyard and Hall, we'll give you the attention and personal service you'll come to expect and enjoy. At our beautiful venue we strive to give you that "one of a kind" feel. From our historic brick building to our lush 5 acre spread. Your event is what you make it. Let us help.

With the upcoming holidays what could be a better gift, then a gift of local wine? Come by, choose your favorite bottle and impress your guests this season. We are a great place for your holiday party or family gathering. We host wine tastings by reservations only. Make yours today! Amy.Mallinson@yahoo.com

