

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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SUGAR CREEK ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Matt Mallinson

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Stanley J. Sagehorn
Joseph D. Kenney
Lorcan Doyle
Robert Ray

City Marshal
Herbert M. Soule

City Administrator
Ron Martinovich

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Jana Olivarez-Dickerson

City Treasurer
Linda Martinovich

Building Official
Paul Loving

**Director of
Public Works**
Ed Layton

City Attorney
C. Robert Buckley

Municipal Judge
Garry L. Helm

Municipal Court Clerk
Cassie Williams

Waterfield Named School Resource Officer

Members of the Sugar Creek Police Department, Dispatchers and Court Administrator.

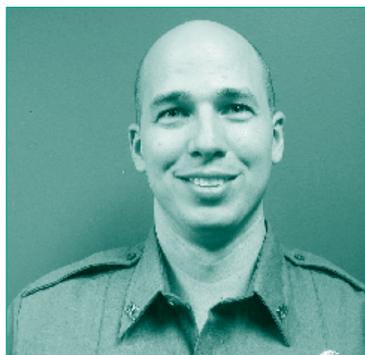


Through a \$50,000 grant received from COMBAT in December, the Sugar Creek Police Department is now able to dedicate a police officer as a school resource officer.

Five-year veteran Officer Tim Waterfield is now based at both Sugar Creek and Mallinson Elementary Schools.

Part of his duties, according to Chief Herb Soule, will be to help with community policing and crime prevention along with serving as a resource officer at the schools.

Jackson County voters back in 1989 first passed a tax to “combat” drug-related crime. Over time, that Community Backed Anti-Drug Tax was renewed more than once and helps fund the more than a



Officer Tim Waterfield

dozen law enforcement agencies of Eastern Jackson County that participate in the Jackson County Drug Task Force – including Sugar Creek.

Now, the JCDTF is also focusing on prevention of violent crime as

well.

The goal of having Officer Waterfield at the schools, said Soule, is of course to spread the message of drug abuse prevention, and to build a positive relationship with students and police. Both things, said Soule, are best begun at a young age – as early as elementary school.

In addition to Chief Soule, the Sugar Creek Police Department includes a captain and four sergeants, 16 full-time and six part-time officers, five full-time and three part-time dispatchers and a court administrator who works with the municipal court.

A new officer is in the process of being hired to replace Waterfield as a patrolman.



MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

What would you attempt to do if you knew you could not fail? 1) Rid the world of hunger? 2) Save the forests? 3) World Domination? 4) Make Sugar Creek a better place to live? I choose (4).

We are progressing well on the Four Trails Landing Shopping Center. We are further investigating the needs and possibilities of soccer fields at LaBenite. Signage should be done by March on River Blvd. for the marking of the trails. We have found, and are still searching for, new revenue

sources. We are aggressively seeking appropriate new businesses.

What next? If we knew we could not fail, what should we attempt to do next?

OK, maybe it is time for some fun. Wayne City Landing Days!

On August 7th, 8th and 9th of this year, Sugar Creek will host Wayne City Landing Days, a celebration of one of the most historical sites in our nation, Wayne City Landing. Craft vendors, food booths, designated children areas, an adult beverage area, entertainers and bands will be participating. Even Dr. Jay Fogworth's Root Beer will be here! And yes, a festival is

not complete without a carnival. Location? Rick Sutcliffe Drive will be part of Vendor Alley, other activities will be located in the same proximity. The theme is the early to mid 1800's when wagon trains were landing via steamboats at Wayne City Landing and traveling through what is now Sugar Creek. Who knows, there may even be some 'shoot-outs' at high noon!

What next? What else will Sugar Creek attempt? Just wait and see. We have only begun.

*Thank you,
Mayor Matt Mallinson*

NEIGHBORLY NEWS

John W. Mallinson Jr. 1924-2014

John Mallinson Jr. passed away on January 2, 2014, at the family home in Sugar Creek, MO.

He was born February 22, 1924, to John William Sr. and Minnie Danforth Mallinson. As a youth he worked on the family dairy established by his grandfather, Abraham Mallinson. He attended KU briefly before enlisting in the Army. Later he was employed at the Standard Oil Refinery in Sugar Creek. He raised Santa Gertrudis cattle and was a Civil War historian as well as an enthusiastic hunter. For many years he enjoyed taking his sons on hunts in Colorado.

He is preceded in death by his wife Jane Short Mallinson (pictured). He is survived by his brother Donald R. Mallinson, a sister Nancy Burns and a sister Mary Tompkins. He is also survived by six children; Dana Mallinson, Anne Mallinson, Laura Mallinson Buchanan and husband Lloyd, John Mallinson III, Mayor Matt Mallinson and wife Kathy, and Donald Mallinson and wife Melissa. He leaves behind fourteen grandchildren, six great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Everyone that knew John Mallinson knows that a few words in the paper cannot begin to encapsulate his life... John and Jane did everything together, so it is appropriate for his picture to include Jane as well.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Santa Fe Trail Association. Services are pending.



Picture taken 10-24-2008 at the dedication of the marking of Wayne City Landing. John and Jane Mallinson.

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

BULKY ITEM PICKUPS– 2014 Bulky item pickups are MARCH 31, JULY 7 AND OCTOBER 6.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION– Yard waste pickup will resume on April 10, 2014 and continue weekly through November. Additional dates will be announced at a later time.

LANDFILL PERMIT PROCEDURES– Please note:

- Must be a resident of Sugar Creek and all city refuse charges are current and up to date.
- A current Sugar Creek utility bill must be presented at the time of obtaining a permit.
- Maximum number of daily permits shall be twelve (12) in a calendar year. Additional permits may be issued at the discretion of the public works director.
- Residents using haulers other than themselves must call ahead to approve hauler to pick up permit.
- All waste material being hauled to the landfill must be in compliance with the regulations that govern what items may be placed into a sanitary landfill as determined by state law. NO batteries, white goods, appliances, paint, or hazardous materials. For the full list contact Courtney Ridge Landfill.
- Permits for the landfill are only issued to property that is located in city limits of Sugar Creek.

SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM– Sugar Creek remains committed to the safety of motorists and pedestrians, emergency response needs, and economic activity.

Please Note: With the exception of emergency requests from police dispatchers, individual requests for snow removal cannot be taken until after major operations have been completed.

How can you help? These tips can help to expedite snow removal and ensure your safety.

- Remain patient; we will ensure that all roads are passable as soon as possible. This is our number one priority.
- Stay off the roads, if possible. The fewer vehicles on the roads, the faster we can get them cleared and have you on your way.
 - Park your vehicles in your driveway.
 - Stay back at least 50' from the rear of a plow truck so the driver can see you. If you can't see the driver in his mirrors he can't see you.
 - Don't allow your vehicles to hang out into the street.
 - Teach your children to stay behind the sidewalks when they see the plow trucks coming.
 - Avoid passing or driving beside plow trucks. Some trucks are capable of plowing multiple lanes of snow at one time.
 - Avoid placing snow from your driveway back into the street. Less snow will be pushed into your driveway by passing plow trucks.
 - Shovel the snow from your driveway to the down street side. Down street is the direction traffic flows past your driveway.
 - Remove portable basketball goals, hockey goals, skate board ramps and other structures from the street. This will enable plow trucks to reach the curb and eliminate damage to the truck or portable structures. The city is not responsible for these items left in the street that might become covered by snow.
 - Maintain trimmed tree branches along the street.
 - Clear sidewalks adjacent to your property.
 - DO NOT place refuse containers in the street. This will hinder the snow plows.

Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have an emergency, call 911 and dispatchers will contact the snow removal operation if emergency vehicles need assistance in reaching you.

Who is responsible for clearing and maintaining sidewalks during an event? The adjacent property owners are responsible for maintaining their sidewalks. We ask that both business and residential owners maintain their sidewalks for safe pedestrian travel.

SNOW REMOVAL ON SIDEWALKS– Per Ordinance No. 105, § 1, 1-4-22 Sec. 27-55. - Clearing of snow, ice, etc., required: *It shall be unlawful for any person to fail, neglect or refuse to keep the sidewalk or the gutter in front of the buildings, tenements, rooms or real property owned or occupied by him or her, or under his or her management or control, swept clean of mud, filth, dirt or snow and ice, and clear and clean from weeds and grass.*

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS– During the winter months public works crews are exposed to extreme weather conditions, especially the refuse crews. Cold related illnesses can slowly overcome a person who has been chilled by low temperatures, brisk winds, or wet clothing. Prolonged exposure to freezing or cold temperatures may cause serious health problems such as trench foot, frostbite and hypothermia. The occupational safety and health administration (OSHA) advises to use caution when working in extremely cold temperatures. Temperatures 10 degrees or lower with a moderate wind of 10 mph can cause freezing to exposed flesh within 1 minute. OSHA also recommends that workers use the buddy system - work in pairs so that one worker can recognize danger signs or an illness in co-worker. At very cold temperatures, the most serious concern is the risk of hypothermia or dangerous overcooling of the body.

Refuse routes will not run on certain days when the temperatures are considered dangerous. The public works apologizes for any inconvenience but wish to protect the health and welfare of the city employees.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS– During times of emergencies from public works such as trash cancelation, water breaks, special announcements, or street closures the department will be utilizing the city's Code Red Warning system. To sign up please contact the police department at (816)252-5560 or follow the link on the Sugar Creek web site at www.sugar-creek.mo.us.

— Sue Mikula,

Public Works Administrative Assistant/Special Events Coordinator

Parks & Recreation Department

COMMUNITY POTLUCK– The Parks and Recreation Department Will hold its annual Community Potluck on February 11th, 2014, we will provide Lasagna 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 12:00 p.m.

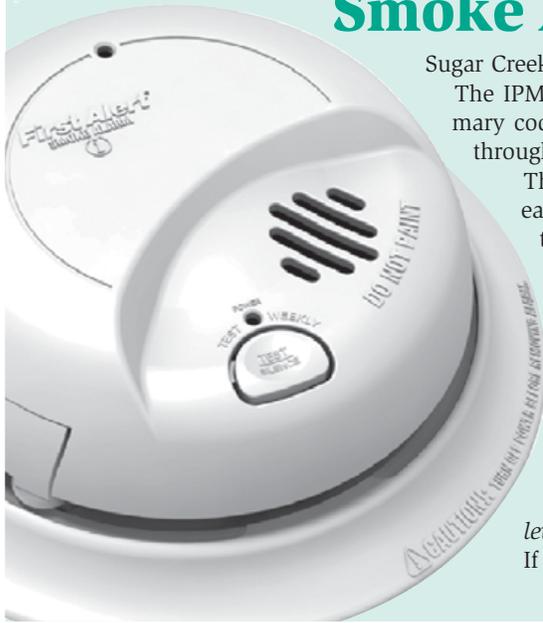
CASINO DAY TRIP– The Casino day trip will be held on February 14. Call to register and for the time and location information

YOUTH BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL TEAMS– We will be offering Instructional youth Basketball teams and Instructional youth Volleyball teams. These will be for ages 5 up to 12years 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.

LITTLE PRINCESS DANCE– Registrations will be available after

— See "News From City Departments" on page 5

Smoke Alarms: Do You Know The Code?



Sugar Creek requirements for audible smoke alarms are based on the 2012 IPMC.

The IPMC is a Code that regulates building requirements in existing buildings. This is the primary code that the Sugar Creek Fire Department uses when conducting occupancy inspections throughout the City.

The loss of life in residential structures due to fires is most often related to the failure of early warning and the subsequent inability to safely exit a burning and smoke filled structure. In Section 704.2, IPMC says this:

“Single or multiple-station smoke alarms shall be installed and maintained in Group R (Residential) occupancies, regardless of occupant load at all of the following locations:

1) On the ceiling or wall outside of each separate sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of bedrooms.

2) In each room used for sleeping purposes.

3) In each story within a dwelling unit, including basements and cellars but not including crawl spaces and uninhabitable attics. In dwellings or dwelling units with split levels and without an intervening door between the adjacent levels, a smoke alarm installed on the upper level shall suffice for the adjacent lower level provided that the lower level is less than one full story below the upper level.

If you have additional questions, contact the Sugar Creek Fire Department at 816-521-7921.

– Paul Loving, Building Official

INFORMATION AND UPDATES FOR POWER OUTAGES

With severe weather comes the potential for power outages. 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 feel free to call the 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.

NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Life of Bokarae Remembered

Anthony C. Bokarae, 69, Sugar Creek, MO passed away Monday, January 6, 2014.

He was a former officer with the Sugar Creek Police Department.

Funeral Mass was held on Thursday January 9, 2014 at St. Mark's Catholic Church.

The Family requests contributions to St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop # 1221.

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

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January 1 for the Little Princess dance that will be held February 8. We will have limited space for this event, so don't wait to sign up.

EXERCISE AND DANCE PROGRAMS- Youth dance classes will be held on Saturdays at the Sugar Creek Gym from 12:30-1:30pm these will be coed for youth ages 3 and up instruction in Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop and some tumbling \$6.00 per class instructed by certified instructor Gwen Ketchell. We now offer **morning exercise programs** for a \$2.00 donation. These programs will be held at the Sugar Creek Gym, 11232 Chicago, starting at 10:00 a.m. These will be instructed by Kim Hanes. We will also be offering **line dance instructions** on Mondays from 1:00-2:00 p.m.

DAY TRIP TO CHESTNUT FINE ARTS CENTER- Join us to go see the *Always Patsy Cline* production. Limited space available for this trip; cost is \$42.00 per person. Price includes transportation, lunch and theater admission. Pre-register before February 14, 2014.

BOB ROSS OIL PAINTING CLASSES- Bob Ross Oil painting classes will resume on January 18. For a fee of \$35.00 you will be instructed by certified bob Ross instructor Jean Libby. You will be able to take home your finished painting at the end of the class these classes will be every other month on the third Saturday.

CANADIAN ROCKIES & GLACIER NATIONAL PARK TOUR- Travel with the Parks and Recreation Department to the Canadian Rockies & Glacier National Park. Tour dates August 6-12, 2014. If interested, please contact the department and we will be happy to send you the informational flyer.

YOUTH DANCE- The next youth dance will be held March 7, 2014. This will be for 4th & 5th grades. Watch for more information, — Connie Dickinson, Parks & Recreation Supervisor

PLEASE NOTE:
The Sugar Creek Branch Library will be closed on Monday, February 17 for President's Day.



At the library... FEBRUARY 2014

■ computer classes

Computer Basics- Tuesday, Feb. 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, Feb. 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.

E-Mail Basics- Tuesday, Feb. 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.

Genealogy Basics- Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 11:00 a.m. Discover your family heritage! Bring with you anything that will be helpful in finding out more about your family heritage. We will provide a starter pack to get your journey going.

■ crafts

Quilting For The People- Saturdays, Feb. 1 and Feb. 15 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, Feb. 7 from 5:00 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!

Teen Creek Club- Thursday, Feb. 20 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you like to discuss books you've recently read, play board games, have fun and hang out with friends. Teen Creek is looking for you! For more information, call Christy at 816-701-3489 or visit her at the library.

Family Story Time- Wednesdays, Feb. 12 and Feb. 26 at 5:30 p.m. Join us on the 12th for a Valentine themed story time and make a special craft. On the 26th, enjoy a story read by a special guest. Bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

Family Movie- Saturday, Feb. 22 at 2:00 p.m. Join us as for a special kid-friendly movie and enjoy a snack.

■ book clubs

After Lunch Book Club- Thursdays, Feb. 13 and Feb. 27 at 1:30 p.m. Join us on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Sugar Creek Branch Library as we read and discuss great books. This month we will be discussion *A Dog's Purpose* by W. Bruce Cameron, our second selection in the annual Adult Winter Reading Club.

Fairmount Community Center Book Group- Wednesdays, Feb. 12 and Feb. 26 at 1:30 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.

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February 2014 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

RESIDENTS, BE SURE TO REMEMBER:
 • OPEN GYM: 4 to 5:30 p.m. for Youth, ages 8-17 • CLUB WALK: M-F, 9 to 10 a.m. at the Gym • SENIOR EXERCISE: Mondays 9 to 10 a.m. at the Gym
 • 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

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
						1 Little Princess Dance
2 Refuse Route 1	3 Refuse Route 1	4 Refuse Route 2	5 Refuse Route 3	6	7	8
9 Refuse Route 1	10 Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	11 Refuse Route 2 12:00 p.m. Community Potluck at Mike Onka Hall 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police/Fire Building	12 Refuse Route 3	13 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting - City Hall	14 VALENTINE'S DAY Casino Day Trip	15
16 PRESIDENT'S DAY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	17	18 Refuse Route 1 <i>Delinquent date for utilities</i>	19 Refuse Route 2	20 Refuse Route 3	21	22
23 Refuse Route 1	24 Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	25 Refuse Route 2 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police/Fire Building	26 Refuse Route 3	27	28 <i>Past due notification date</i>	