

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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New Sugar Creek Park To Open On May 29



At long last, the City of Sugar Creek is about to celebrate the opening of the new Jack O'Renick Park, located at Sterling and Standard Lane.

A dedication ceremony and ribbon cutting ceremony followed with refreshments will be held at 4 p.m., Thursday, May 29.

The John C. "Jack" O'Renick Park includes a 9/11 Memorial, which features a steel beam from one of the two World Trade Center Towers that were perished on September 11, 2001. The beam was acquired by the City and delivered back in June 2011.

The beam will take center stage at the memorial site with a scaled down replica of the towers. Four glass panels around the beam and

towers represent the four flights lost that day. Two panels, on the north and south side of the memorial represent the two planes that crashed into the World Trade Center. The panel on the west represents the flight that crashed into the Pentagon and is closer to the Sugar Creek police and fire building and honors the men and women who serve our country. The panel on the east represents the flight that crashed into an open field in Somerset County, Penn., that was believed headed toward the White House.

O'Renick Park will serve as a trail head stop on a bike and pedestrian trail headed toward Berkley Park in Kansas City, Mo. The trail is along the corridor of the Lewis & Clark Expressway. The Lewis & Clark

Expressway will eventually connect Kansas City, Sugar Creek and Independence from I-70 and I-435 near Front Street to Highway 291.

In connection with the O'Renick Park is a goal to convert the former Maywood Sugar Creek Railway, which runs parallel to and west of Sterling, into a pedestrian trail that traverses through the Four Trails Landing under construction at 24 Highway and Sterling. It will connect to the pedestrian tunnel under 24 Highway near the Army Reserve Center, which is on the Metro Green plan.

The vision is to create a pedestrian element that would extend to the Missouri River at a point that overlooks the historic Lewis & Clark landing site.



MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

A good business is constantly looking for new growth. One must search for new endeavors, new opportunities, new trends. One must 'keep up with the times'. One must be aware of the environment and temperature of the market.

So is the same with our City. We are sifting through the many opportunities to match the best fit for Sugar Creek. We are creating awareness. Traffic brings commerce, but it needs to be the correct traffic and proper commerce for the traffic.

As we search for proper growth we must be ever aware of our existing businesses and functions. As we grow, we must do so with consideration of how this will best fit with our community. We want long term growth for long term benefits of everyone. Careful evaluation is critical! As Mayor, I am grateful for my Department Heads and Board of Alderman that are doing just this. Careful, long term planning. We are being



very methodical with our directions. We are listening to many ideas. When we commit to one of our projects we see it through to culmination. Our intended direction is

to create new business while supporting our existing.

*Thank you,
Mayor Matt Mallinson*

business spotlight

NEW FUTURE
Professional
Document Services



New Future opened April 2, 2014 with a ribbon cutting. My name is Sophia Betterton, I'm the owner and operator. Are you in need of a new resume or getting yours updated? I personally customize resumes so when you're ready to take the next step in applying for your dream job, you may do so with full confidence.

I write your resume and sit down with you to figure out what your career goals are. I also help you find online postings and help you get your resume uploaded. I pride myself in making sure when you walk out of my office, you have the tips and materials you'll need to get your new future started.

New Future provides many other services such as grant writing, constructing business plans, and putting together portfolios.

Be sure to remember that I have a standing coupon for **10% OFF** your first resume for **ALL NEW CUSTOMERS**.

I want to personally say thank you to the City of Sugar Creek for welcoming my business and myself. New Future is located at 100 S. Sterling Ave. in Sugar Creek. You can contact me by phone at 816-288-7147 or through email at wefixbadresumes@yahoo.com.

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

YARD WASTE PICKUP– 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.

— Sue Mikula,

Public Works Administrative Assistant/Special Events Coordinator

City Hall

CITY OF SUGAR CREEK WEBSITE– Please visit the City of Sugar Creek Website at www.sugar-creek.mo.us. If you have not had an opportunity to check out the website lately, there is new and updated information pertaining to the City of Sugar Creek.

There have been requests to have access to the City Council Meeting Minutes. Once the minutes have been approved by the Board of Aldermen then the meeting minutes will be placed on the website.

Please go to the website home page and then click on Departments (top of page). Click on Administration and on the left hand side you will see Council Meeting Minutes. Once you click on that you will be able to view the last 6 months of meeting minutes.

If you have any questions or difficulty with this, please contact Jana Olivarez-Dickerson, City Clerk at 252-4400 ext. 128.

— Jana Olivarez-Dickerson, City Clerk

Water Department

WATER METERS– A reminder to all residents that water meters can NOT be turned on by homeowner or a contractors. If you need to have the meter turned off for repairs please contact city hall. Public Works will receive a work order from city hall to contact homeowner. Thank you for your cooperation.



STORM DRAIN STEWARDSHIP–If it's on the ground, it's in our water. During a rainfall, water runs across rooftops, down streets and across parking lots and yards, picking up substances along the way. This stormwater "runoff" often contains materials like chemical fertilizer, pet waste, litter, automotive fluids and yard waste such as leaves and grass clippings. Runoff then washes down storm drains, eventually reaching local rivers and streams where it can pose significant risks to people and wildlife.

Water that enters storm drains is not cleaned at wastewater treatment plants before it flows directly into streams, rivers and lakes. While storm drains were designed to divert water from streets, they can transport harmful substances from lawns and streets. Chemicals and bacteria from materials like fertilizer and pet waste are directly

deposited into our region's water, causing pollution and endangering public health.

Many residents don't realize how their everyday habits impact our region's water quality. Even small amounts of pollution can add up to big problems when it comes from an area the size of the Kansas City region. Remember: if it's on the ground, it's in our water.

What is a Storm Drain? Storm drains are the metal grates found on urban and suburban streets, often at corners and on the sides of curbs and gutters. They help prevent flooding by draining rainwater and melted snow off of streets and other paved surfaces.

Is a Storm Drain System the same thing as a Sanitary Sewer System? Sewer systems and storm drain systems are not the same. The water that goes down a sink or toilet in your home or business flows through a sewer system to a wastewater treatment plant where it is treated and cleaned. Water that flows down a driveway or street and into a gutter goes into a storm drain which goes directly to a natural body of water, untreated.

— Sue Mikula,

Public Works Administrative Assistant/Special Events Coordinator

Parks & Recreation

COMMUNITY POTLUCK– The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Community Potluck on May 13. We will provide seasoned hamburger for taco salad; 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.

CASINO DAY TRIP– The Casino day trip will be held on May 16. Call to register and for the time and location information.

INSTRUCTIONAL YOUTH T-BALL/BITTY BALL– These will be for ages 4 up to 10 years old or grades Kindergarten through 4th grade. If you have children interested in joining, we will have registrations available at City Hall for the Youth Sports programs.

MORNING EXERCISE PROGRAMS/LINE DANCING– We are now offering morning exercise programs for a \$2.00 donation. These will be held at the Sugar Creek Gym, 11232 Chicago. The schedule is: 10:00 a.m. Chair Exercises; 10:15 a.m. Strength Training; 10:30 a.m. Weights. These will be instructed by Kim Hanes. We will also be offering line dance instructions on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. These will also be held at the Sugar Creek Gym.

PITCH, HIT & RUN COMPETITION– We will host the Pitch, Hit and Run competition again this year for ages 7-14. This will be held on May 10. You can register at City Hall.

BOB ROSS OIL PAINTING CLASS– Bob Ross Oil painting classes will be on May 17, 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.

STARLIGHT THEATER & DINNER ON THE TOWN– We will have tickets for June 11, *Wizard of Oz*. Cost is \$8.00 per person and this includes transportation and ticket to show. Dinner will be on your own. Limited tickets available. Be sure to register before June 6, 2014.

YOUTH DANCE– A dance for grades 5th-7th will be held May 23, 2014 at the Sugar Creek Gym, 11232 Chicago, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 per student.

PARK RESERVATIONS– Parks open the end of this month. Don't forget to get your reservations in early as the shelters fill up fast.

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

SLAVIC FESTIVAL

JUNE 6 & 7, 2014

GET THE ROYAL TREATMENT

The Sugar Creek Slavic Festival is celebrating its 29th anniversary on June 6 and 7, with two days of entertainment, food and more. Since its inception in 1985, the Festival has become one of the nation's premier celebrations of Slavic culture, attracting thousands of visitors each year.

This year's theme, "Get the Royal Treatment," invites visitors to take a break from their busy lives and enjoy a weekend full of fun, food, music and dance. Visitors will witness entertainment royalty and two thrilling competitions for the throne. Festival organizer, Debbie Ray, is excited about the Festival's royal flare this year, "Royalty is sweeping the Slavic Festival in 2014," says Ray. "With Brave Combo, the Miss Czech-Slovak Missouri Pageant and the Kielbasa eating contest, visitors will enjoy acclaimed entertainment and a wide variety of activities fit for a king."

Headlining the 2014 event is music royalty and two-time Grammy winner, Brave Combo. The group has captured audiences for three decades with a world-music mix that includes polka, classical, rock, salsa and more. Traveling from Texas, Brave Combo will perform on the Festival stage both Friday and Saturday night. The royal experience continues, as the annual sausage-eating contest will name a Kielbasa King (or Queen) on Friday, June 6 and the first Miss Czech-Slovak Missouri Pageant will crown a Queen on Saturday, June 7.

Local favorites, the Sugar Creek Tamburitians, Kolo Kids and Ethnic Dance Troupe will also perform, joined by groups from across the metro area. Take the young ones to the Kids Zone, browse through ethnic artifacts, buy hand-crafted art works and more!

You'll find assortments of traditional food at the Slavic Festival. Just some of the Slavic food offered, includes: sarma (cabbage rolls), haluski kapusta (cabbage and noodles), Rozniji (Pork kabob) and Kielbasa (Polish sausage). In addition, visitors can enjoy a variety of Slavic baked food, including: povitica, apple strudel, kolache, nut horns and varieties of traditional cookies.

Bring your friends and family and get ready for great food, music and fun at the 29th annual Sugar Creek Slavic Festival. More information about the Festival can be found online at www.slavicfest.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Get involved in your community by volunteering to work at this year's Slavic Festival. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and give back to our city. Help is needed before, during and after the event. Please contact Debbie Ray at (816)-461-4877.

CLAIM THE SAUSAGE EATING THRONE

Do you have what it takes to be crowned champion of the Sugar Creek Slavic Festival's Sausage Eating Contest? Take the name Kielbasa King (or Queen) and receive royal recognition with a fabulous prize package! Sign up for a chance to participate at www.slavicfest.com/participate.

2014 SUGAR CREEK SLAVIC FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

Village Musicians	5:00 p.m.
Children's Costume Parade	6:30 p.m.
Miss Czech-Slovak Pageant	6:45 p.m.
Sugar Creek Kolo Kids	7:00 p.m.
Sugar Creek Ethnic Dance Troupe	7:30 p.m.
Kielbasa Eating Contest	8:15 p.m.
Brave Combo with Don Lipovac	9:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Village Musicians	3:30 p.m.
Hrvatski Obicaj	5:00 p.m.
Sugar Creek Kolo Kids	6:00 p.m.
Sugar Creek Tamburitians	6:30 p.m.
Sugar Creek Ethnic Dance Troupe	7:45 p.m.
Miss Czech-Slovak Pageant	8:30 p.m.
Brave Combo	9:00 p.m.

NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Life of Lewis Remembered



Irene M. Lewis, 89, of Sugar Creek, passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

Irene was born February 2, 1925, in Sugar Creek, to Pete and Zora (Green) Lonzo as one of four girls. She grew up knowing her husband, Clyde Lewis, who she married July 23, 1947. Together they raised two children. Irene worked as a bookkeeper at Singer Sewing Machine for many years, finishing her career at Adam and Eve College of Cosmetology, and was also a devoted homemaker. In her heart she was always a member of the RLDS Church, where she played piano and sang in the Sugar Creek Congregation's choir. Irene is remembered as unconditionally loving, caring, and devoted to her family.

Irene is survived by daughter, Cindy Barnes (Vince Nickerson) of Sugar Creek; son, Stan Lewis (Kelly Fox) of Sibley, Mo.; grandchildren, Desi Silva (Kim) of Independence, Mo., and Shawn Lewis (Andrea) and Tony Lewis (Brandi) all of Sibley, Mo.; great-grandchildren, Brandon, Kaylynn, Ryan and Dylan; and sister, Cece Shinabargar of Oak Grove, Mo. She was preceded in death by husband, Clyde, of 58 years; and sisters, Kay Sawyer and Mable Andes.

Lynch Will Be Missed



Clara N. Lynch, 95, of Sugar Creek, passed away Sunday, March 23, 2014, at the Rosewood Health Center.

Clara was born February 15, 1919, in Stilwell, Okla., to Jesse C. and Lila (Rogers) Pinkerton. She graduated from public schools and taught school for a while. She later moved to Independence, Mo., and her and her husband opened the Englewood Café in 1951, and is still in operation. She was a longtime and very active member and volunteer of the First Christian Church in Independence. She was preceded in death by her 1st husband, John Stapleton, and her second husband, Virgil G. Lynch.

She is survived by several nieces, nephews and great-nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends that include Beverly Boynton, Pam Kibler, John Russell and Bree Sontheimer.

At the library... MAY 2014



computer classes

Computer Basics– Tuesday, May 6 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 13 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, May 20 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 27 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.

crafts

Quilting For The People– Saturdays, May 10 and May 24 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, May 2 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!

Family Story Time– Wednesdays, May 14 and May 28 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for Family Story Time. Bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

book clubs

After Lunch Book Club– Thursdays, May 8 and May 22 at 1:30 p.m. Join us for an After Lunch Book Club as we read and discuss great books. We will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Sugar Creek Branch Library.

Fairmount Community Center Book Group– Wednesdays May 14 and May 28 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.

Please note: The Library WILL be CLOSED on Monday, May 26th for the Memorial Day Holiday.

FRIENDS OF SUGAR CREEK HISTORICAL CENTER

The Friends of Sugar Creek Historical Center, 606 N. Sterling, will host a new exhibit this Spring.

Our 'Old Wedding Pictures' exhibit was well-received and next we are planning to display family pictures of residents (not posed).

Please copy your submittal and forward to the center or one of the board members.

Hours are 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays.

We will begin exhibiting these in May. Please be sure note names of those portrayed in the photographs.

— Steve E. Topi, Friends of Sugar Creek Board-Secretary

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May 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

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 10 to 11 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 Yardwaste Pickup	2	3
4	5 Refuse Route 1	6 Refuse Route 2	7 Refuse Route 3	8 Yardwaste Pickup	9	10 10:00 a.m. Pitch Hit & Run Competition Roper Stadium
11	12 Refuse Route 1	13 Refuse Route 2	14 Refuse Route 3	15 Yardwaste Pickup	16	17
		6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	12:00 p.m. Community Potluck at Mike Onka Hall 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police/Fire Building	7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting - City Hall	Casino Day Trip	Oil Painting Class
18	19 Refuse Route 1	20 Refuse Route 2	21 Refuse Route 3	22 Yardwaste Pickup	23 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Youth Dance Grades 5-7 Sugar Creek Gym	24
	<i>Delinquent date for utilities</i>					
25	26 MEMORIAL DAY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	27 Refuse Route 1	28 Refuse Route 2	29 Refuse Route 3 Yardwaste Pickup 4:00 p.m. John C. O'Rennick Park Dedication <i>Post due notification date</i>	30	31