

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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Public Works**
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Get “The Royal Treatment” At Slavic Fest!



THE ROYAL TREATMENT

The 29th annual Sugar Creek Slavic Festival is here on Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, and this year you're invited to “get the royal treatment.” Visitors will witness entertainment royalty and thrilling competitions.

Headlining the event is two-time Grammy Award-winning group Brave Combo. The group has captured audiences for three decades with a world-music mix that includes polka, classic, rock, salsa and more. The royal experience continues, as the annual sausage-eating contest will name a Kielbasa King (or Queen) on Friday, June 6. The first ever Miss Czech-Slovak Missouri Pageant will announce a Queen on Saturday, June 7. The public is welcome to watch a portion of the pageant, which includes two local candidates, at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 7 at the Sugar Creek Moose Lodge.

Local favorites, the Sugar Creek Tamburitzans, Kolo Kids and Ethnic Dance Troupe will also perform. You'll find assortments of traditional food, including sarma (cabbage rolls), rozniijici (pork kabob), kielbasa (polish sausage) and baked goods, such as povitica, kolaches and nut horns.

The Slavic Festival is a project centered around community involvement and is run entirely by volunteers



and Sugar Creek organizations. The Fair and Festival Board continues to give its profit back to the community, as is seen by the more than \$175,000 that has been donated to date. That money has helped fund projects ranging from the construction of a walking track, a gazebo and shelter house, and the purchase of equipment for city facilities and the police and fire department.

The Slavic Festival would like to thank the City of Sugar Creek and the 2014 sponsors for helping make this year's event possible – Metcalf Bank, Missouri Arts

— See “Get The Royal Treatment” on page 5



MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Do we create an event around a community or a community around an event?

One part of Sugar Creek's culture started in the early 1900's when Standard Oil was opened. Many families from eastern Europe arrived to earn a living and raise a family. Just like many cities in the country, Church's were established, schools built, and a community was formed.

We hold onto those early traditions and still celebrate them today. An example is our Slavic Festival. Celebrating the hundred plus years of a culture (June 6th and 7th).

Before Standard Oil was even on the drawing board, our area was heavy in river traffic and trading. In 1824 Lt. Anthony Wayne with a detachment of men was assigned to re-direct the Kansa Indians that would be traveling along the Missouri River attempting to go back to the grounds that had been purchased from them in Central Missouri by the U.S. Government. His vantage point was what became Wayne City Landing. This was a short lived out post, but because traders were aware of this,



Sugar Creek Refinery, Standard Oil Co., near Kansas City, Mo.

they took information back to St. Louis of the area that steamboats could land, and hence we have Wayne City Landing. Most of the travelers that went west until about 1851-1852 came through Sugar Creek along River Blvd. A combination of a flood and cholera in essence closed the landing, forcing river traffic to land in West Port instead.

Hence, we are celebrating Wayne City Landing Days on August 7th, 8th, and 9th. Holding onto another piece of our history.

Even farther back, our area was home of several tribes of Indians. This will be another story.

*Thank you,
Mayor Matt Mallinson*

SUGAR CREEK COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Sugar Creek Business & Civic Club is now offering scholarships to students in pursuit of a four year degree at an accredited college. Also available is Community College tuition reimbursement of one-half tuition paid up to a maximum reimbursement of \$750 per year. Sugar Creek residency of two years or more is required. Applications are available at the Sugar Creek Branch – Kansas City Public Library, 102 S. Sterling. For additional information, please call 257-1833 or 254-7179.



NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

EXTRA BULKY REFUSE PICKUP– The extra refuse pickup will begin on Monday, July 7th. Refuse must be out by 7:00 a.m. July 7, but no earlier 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 vehicle.

PROHIBITED ITEMS FOR REFUSE COLLECTION:

These items cannot be picked up with regular refuse collection on bulky item pickup.

- Liquid paints or dried paint cans
- Any type of Motor Oil
- Appliances
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Tires

If you have these items, please contact Public Works Department at 816-252-4413.

REMINDER– *City Ordinance Chapter 14, Article II, Sec 14-17, Sec 14-18, and Sec 14-19 prohibits containers larger than 35 gallons to be used for storing residential household refuse. Containers SHALL NOT exceed more than 65lbs, and shall have handles as a lifting device.*

The crews have been seeing more and more trash containers heavier than 65lbs. Trash containers heavier than 65lbs will NOT be emptied.

YARD WASTE REMINDER– Yard waste must be out by 7:00 a.m.

Place items in containers or Kraft bags.

Containers cannot be over 65 Lbs.

Cut, tie and bundle all brush into 4-foot lengths.

Do not use wire to tie brush.

NO PLASTIC BAGS CAN BE USED TO PUT YARD WASTE IN.

Do not mix household refuse with yard waste.

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.

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE– The City Wide garage sale will be held the Friday and Saturday following Labor Day weekend. September 6 and 7. Residents will be able to hold a garage sale at their homes without a permit for this date only. Garage sale permits for other dates are issued at City Hall.

SAVE THE DATE– The July 4th Concert will be held at Kaw Field, with fireworks beginning at dusk. Entertainment to be announced.

SHARE MEMORIES WITH THE 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.

A 4”x8” brick can be purchased for just \$75.00

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

— Sue Mikula,

Public Works Administrative Assistant/Special Events Coordinator

Parks & Recreation

COMMUNITY POTLUCK– The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Picnic In The Park on June 10, 2014. This event will be held at Harrison Park shelter house; cost is \$8.00 per person. We will provide the lunch for this and entertainment for a fun filled afternoon. Pre-register by June 6.

CASINO DAY TRIP– The Casino day trip will be held on June 13. 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 PROGRAM– We are now offering Morning Exercise programs for a \$2.00 donation. These will be held at the Sugar Creek Gym, 11232 Chicago. 10:00 a.m. – Chair Exercises; 10:15 a.m. – Strength Training; 10:30 a.m. – Weights. These will be instructed by Kim Hanes.

BOB ROSS OIL PAINTING CLASS– Bob Ross Oil painting classes will be on July 19, 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 AND DINNER ON THE TOWN– We will have tickets for June 11 production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Cost is \$8.00 per person, and this price includes transportation and ticket to show. Dinner will be on your own. Limited tickets available; be sure to register before June 6, 2014.

NEW DINNER THEATER– July 23, 2014; Cost is \$38.00 per person, and price includes transportation, lunch, and the production of *Smokey Joe's Café, The songs of Lieber & Stoller*. We have a limited amount of reserved seats. You must pre-register for this by June 23.

SUGAR CREEK SHOCKERS HOME OPENER– The Sugar Creek Shockers Home Opener will be June 14. Come out, join in the fun and support your home town team. Home games will be at Kaw Field and start at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$7.00 per person, children 13 and under are free.

WAYNE CITY LANDING DAYS FESTIVAL– The City of Sugar Creek is pleased to announce the first Wayne City Landing Days festival to be held Thursday, August 7, Friday, August 8, and Saturday, August 9, 2014. The festival will commemorate one of the first riverboat landings west of the Mississippi.

Wayne City Landing, also known as the Upper Independence Landing, is the only location in the United States where these four National Historical trails, Lewis and Clark, Santa Fe, Oregon and California trails, overlap.

The festival will be held in Sugar Creek. The festival will bring a family event to the area and provide an opportunity for the community to participate in the event. The event will include the Pride of Texas Carnival, craft vendors, food vendors, live entertainment.

If you have additional questions please contact Connie Dickinson at 816-252-4400 ext. 137 Sue Mikula at 816-252-4413 ext. 302.

PLEASE NOTE: Volunteers needed for Wayne City Landing Days Festival August 7-9th, 2014 please contact Jerry Zevecke 816-984-9858

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

WAYNE CITY LANDING DAYS



Sugar Creek's City Administrator Position Redefined

The duties of the City Administrator for the City of Sugar Creek were redefined by the Board of Aldermen at the end of April.

According to Ron Martinovich, who has held the position of City Administrator since being appointed in 1998, his duties are going back to a more daily administrative nature. His duties were redefined in May 2002 by then mayor, Stan Salva, to a more supportive function so that Salva could take on the day-to-day duties.

Martinovich said that the entire organizational structure of the City will be reviewed in the coming months as well.

According to an ordinance passed by aldermen at the end of April, the City Administrator will:

1. Attend all meetings of the Board of Aldermen.
2. Assist in the preparation of the annual operating budget and provide recommendations to the mayor and board of aldermen for final approval.
3. Be responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating and directing the community development activities for the city.
4. Be responsible for final preparation and filing of all applications for financial assistance.
5. Conduct regular staff meetings to determine the status of assigned actions necessary to accomplish goals of the city.
6. Attend seminars and meetings as necessary and implement new technology, ideas and regulations.
7. Represent the mayor and board of



City Administrator
Ron Martinovich

aldermen in various organizations at the direction of the mayor and board of aldermen.

8. Be responsible for providing recommendations to the mayor and board of aldermen concerning all personnel matters, including, but not limited to, hiring, firing, scheduling, reviewing and evaluating the performance and salary treatment of all city employees.

9. Prepare reports to the mayor and board of aldermen as requested.

10. Work with all city boards, commissions and committees to coordinate their work and activities.

11. Perform such other duties as prescribed

by the mayor and board of aldermen.

Martinovich said Mayor Matt Mallinson will be taking on more legislative duties, special projects and representing the city at other regional organizations such as Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm looking forward to the challenge," said Martinovich of his change in duties. But, he said, it will be easier because of the people at City Hall and in the various departments.

He said he will continue to close out the projects he is working on and looking at the City's economic development opportunities.

NEIGHBORLY NEWS



Happy 50th Anniversary



GARDNER'S GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Announcing George and Kathy Gardner's Golden "50th" Wedding Anniversary on June 20th 2014. The family is requesting an "Anniversary Card Shower" with no gifts. The address for the cards is: 521 SW Tower Park Drive, #311; Lee's Summit, MO. 64081. Please include a short note about you and your family and your contact information. Due to George's health issues the family is requesting cards only.

GET 'THE ROYAL TREATMENT'

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Council, Gunter Construction Company, Bob and Jake Welch, Central Plains Cement Company, Talon Companies, Quicksilver Readymix, Republic Services, Andrea Welch, Attorney at Law, and Morgan Jacobs Contracting.

For more information about the Slavic Festival and a full event schedule, visit 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. Check the following schedule:

Food Preparation Help:

- Monday, June 2 and Tuesday, June 3 from 9–11:30 a.m. Prepare cabbage leaves (bring paring knife & apron)
- Wednesday, June 4 at 12:30 p.m. Peel and dice potatoes (bring paring knife & apron).
- Wednesday, June 4 from 2–4:30 p.m. and 6–9 p.m. Make cabbage rolls
- Thursday, June 5 from 2–4:30 p.m. Make cabbage rolls

Festival Grounds Help:

- Thursday and Friday, June 5 & 6. Any time. Set up grounds
- Sunday, June 8 at 9 a.m. Clean up festival grounds

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 Tamburtizans	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.



At the library...

JUNE 2014

■ computer classes

Computer Basics– Tuesday, June 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, June 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, June 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, June 24 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, June 7 and June 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

Teen Creek After Hours– Friday, June 6 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, June 11 and June 25 at 4:30 p.m. Join us for a winter-themed story time. Bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

Kids Craft– Tuesdays, June 3 and June 17 at 4:00 p.m. Join us on Tuesday afternoons to make a free craft; supplies provided.

Teen Time Thursday– Thursdays, June 5 and June 19 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.

StoneLion Puppets– Monday, June 16 at 3:00 p.m. The Lab Rat Science Experiment - Fizz, Boom, Pow! Join StoneLion and Einstein R Rat, super genius, in this wacky musical to answer that questions as well as learn about the three states of matter, magnetic attraction and other awesome science concepts! Singing "wabbits", a computer geek rat and mad guinea pigs will rock our space. Program is suitable for all ages!

■ book clubs

After Lunch Book Club– Thursday, June 12 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 June 11 and June 18 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.

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June 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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	Yardwaste Pickup		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	Refuse Route 2 Community Picnic in the Park – Harrison Park 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police/Fire Building	Refuse Route 3 Starlight Theater Day Trip	Yardwaste Pickup 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting – City Hall	13 Casino Day Trip	14 7:00 p.m. S.C. Shockers Home Opener – Kaw Field
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	Yardwaste Pickup	20 <i>Delinquent date for utilities</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	Refuse Route 2 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police/Fire Building	Refuse Route 3	Yardwaste Pickup	27 <i>Past due notification date</i>	
29	30					
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1					

29th Annual Slavic Festival

DON'T FORGET! 4TH OF JULY PARADE!
The 75th Annual Consecutive Parade begins at 11:00 a.m.
For more information, contact Justin Davis at 461-4900