





## MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Our town is filled with unopened gifts. We just recently opened one of them. One that was given to us almost 200 years ago. One that sat dormant for many generations. One of significant national importance.

In 1825 Lt. Wayne strategically chose his vantage point to prevent the Kansa (Kanza or Kaw) Indians from returning to the grounds that the US Government had purchased from them. This vantage point allowed him to see far up and down the Mighty Missouri River. This vantage point had an incredibly good landing area for river travel. Soon becoming the next stopping point for ambitious and prosperous fur traders.

In a short decade, this landing became the place of disembarking in travels west for most river traffic. Until about 1851 hundreds of thousands of westward travelers came through Sugar Creek. Historically, the majority of people that went west came

through our town. The gold rush days in the late 1840's added to the travelers. In fact, the largest voluntary migration of people in our country's history came through what is now known as Wayne City Landing.

Thanks to many volunteers and our great city departments, the Wayne City Landing Days Festival was a huge success. This was to allow our communities the opportunity to understand even more of our great history. An opportunity to embrace two centuries of heritage. To understand the national importance of Sugar Creek Missouri.



Today, Wayne City Landing has proper signage. Oregon California Trails Association and Sante Fe Trails

Association, in cooperation with many local and federal organizations are creating plans to construct a walking trail (side-walk) that would start at the WCL and end at Gardner Kansas where the trails split. Their plans are to have the first sections (in Sugar Creek) started by next year.

The gift we opened was full of surprises. Full of excitement. Full of growth. I wonder how many other unopened gifts we can find in our town!?

*Thank you,  
Mayor Matt Mallinson*

## Thousands Attend Inaugural Wayne City Landing Fest

About 5,000 attendees enjoyed the excellent weather at the first annual Wayne City Landing Festival Days in Sugar Creek August 7-9.

The festival, sponsored by the City of Sugar Creek, was held at Kentucky and Sterling at the old swimming pool parking lot.

The festival commemorated the only spot in the nation along the Missouri River where the Lewis and Clark, Santa Fe, California and Oregon trails overlapped, and focused on education of the Lewis and Clark trail.

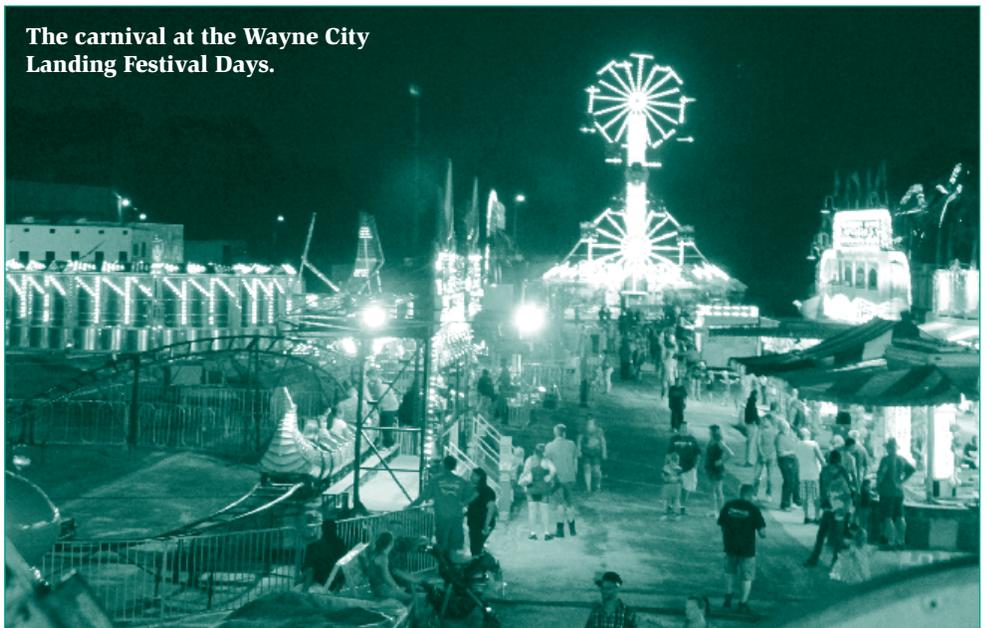
From a huge double, Ferris wheel, the Wonder Bubbles and other carnival rides, to craft tents and food vendors, everyone enjoyed the free-entry festival.

There was Main Stage entertainment by a number of bands each night at Roper Stadium Pavilion - including Delisa Dawn and Route 66, Phil Vandel, Outlaw Jim & the Whiskey Benders, and Honkytonk Renovators.

Twilight Tours were offered, featuring the talented students from the William Chrisman High School Thespians as they re-enacted the life and times of steamboat travelers who camped for the night at the Landing in the mid-1800s.

The students researched the westward movement of the pioneers to come up with the presentations. Proceeds from the perfor-

**The carnival at the Wayne City Landing Festival Days.**



mances went completely back to the Thespian group. A shuttle took festival goers to the site of the Wayne City Landing - also known as Upper Independence Landing - on property now owned by Eagle Products, formerly known as LaFarge.

And there were contests, including: Turkey Calling, Yodeling, Yo-Yo, Pie Baking and pre-

sentation of Homegrown Vegetables, as well as Out House Races and Cow Chip Tossing, Wood Carving, a Costume Contest and an Auctioneer Contest. The Mr. Legg's contest wrapped up the competitions.

The Sugar Creek VFW Post raffled a handmade quilt with proceeds going toward The Wounded Warrior Project.

# NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

## Public Works

**CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE, Sept. 5 & 6, 2014**– Residents will be able to hold a garage sale at their homes without a permit for these dates only, all other garage sales will need to have a permit issued from City Hall.

**EXTRA BULKY REFUSE PICKUP**– The next extra refuse pickup will begin on October 6. It normally takes 4 to 5 days for the entire city to be picked up, please be patient with our crews.

Refuse must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday October 7, 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.

**REFUSE**– Please remember that the weight limit for containers is 65 pounds. If your refuse is not picked up as usual, please check it, there is a reason it was left, a tag will be on the container.

**KNOW YOUR ROOTS**– When European settlers arrived in the Kansas City area, the natural landscape looked significantly different than it does today. Sweeping prairies and oak savannas covered almost 90 percent of the land, while hardwood forests and wetlands made up the remaining 10 percent. Today, prairies make up only 2 percent of the region's land.

The Kansas City area has grown from a small settlement on the banks of the Missouri river into a major center of commerce, industry and transportation. Urban development practices continue to alter the natural landscape that historically defined our region. The design of new roads and rooftops, and the introduction of non-native species of plants, grasses and flowers reduces nature's ability to absorb rain water, increasing stormwater runoff that pollutes our streams, lakes and rivers.

### What's the problem?

The dense clay soils in our region make it difficult for water to soak into the ground quickly. Native plants have deeper root systems that substantially increase the ability of soil to absorb and retain water. As natural vegetation is replaced with popular turf grasses, less stormwater is absorbed into the ground, leading to more stormwater runoff and water pollution.

### Facts about non-natives

Most lawns in the Kansas City region are planted with non-native turf grasses like fescue (above). While these grasses are attractive and colorful, their short roots do not absorb and filter water effectively. This is one factor that contributes to increased levels of polluted stormwater runoff that enters rivers, lakes and streams untreated.

Non-native lawns also require more mowing and watering than native landscapes. The following are some facts about lawn maintenance and how it impacts the environment:

- A lawn mower pollutes as much in one hour as 40 automobiles

driving

- 30-60 percent of urban fresh water is used for watering lawns
- 67 million pounds of pesticides are used on U.S. lawns each year
- 580 million gallons of gasoline are used in lawnmowers each year
- \$25 billion is spent on lawn care each year in the U.S.

### What can you do?

Landscaping with native plants is a great way to reduce the amount of run off that leaves your property. Native plants are trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses, ferns and other plants that originate and evolve in a region over time. These plants adapt to local climate and ecological conditions. Native plants have deep roots which can penetrate the native soil to depths of up to 16 feet! During the dry summer months native root systems reach deep into the ground to find water, which is why native plants are more drought resistant than non-natives.

### Native plants are low maintenance

Native plants require very little maintenance because they have evolved and adapted natural defenses to local conditions such as drought, nutrient-poor soil, winter conditions, disease and insects which can be problematic to non-native species. This means that natives save residents time and money because they require little or no lawn chemicals and less irrigation than non-native plants.

### Native plants reduce stormwater runoff

Attractive and easy-to-maintain landscaping features can reduce the amount of runoff from roofs and lawns. Downspouts can be redirected to help irrigate rain gardens — shallow depressions planted with native plants specifically adapted to wet conditions. Rain gardens are a great way to help runoff soak into the ground.

Another way to improve your property's ability to absorb runoff is by reducing the amount of turf grass, and replacing it with larger garden beds which include native plants. A typical lawn absorbs only 10 percent of the amount of stormwater that a natural landscape can absorb. Native plant gardens will also bring more native songbirds and butterflies to your yard.

Replacing lawns with drought-tolerant native grass is another way to improve drainage and reduce runoff. Most turf grasses are high maintenance, especially during drought conditions, but native buffalo grass is an effective alternative because it is low maintenance, increases infiltration and is drought resistant due to its long roots. Turf grass roots are 1-2 inches long, while buffalo grass has roots that reach up to 6 feet!

### Native landscaping enhances communities

Local communities spend a lot of time and money maintaining parks, roadways and medians. Planting native plants along roadways, medians or in appropriate park lands can drastically reduce maintenance costs and improve air and water quality.

— Sue Mikula,

Public Works Administrative Assistant/Special Events Coordinator

## ALL RESIDENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

The residential sewer customers will have their annual sewer bill adjustment reflected on their July bill. The July 2014, bill will be mailed out at the end of August 2014. This will be the customer's new sewer rate for the next year. The sewer bill is adjusted based on an average of the customers six month winter water usage.

— Cari Beeman, Utility Clerk

# SUGAR CREEK FIREMUSTER



## EVENTS

- BARREL FIGHT
- BOOT WALK
- BUCKET BRIGADE
- BLIND BUCKET
- EXTEND-A-HOSE LINE



Concession will be available

## WHEN

SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER 20TH,  
2014  
10 A.M.

## WHERE

11104 LAKE STREET  
SUGAR CREEK MO  
INTERSECTION OF LAKE  
STREET AND RICK  
SUTCLIFF DR.

## CONTACT

ADAM KELSEY  
816.521.7922 X 5  
AKELSEY  
@SUGAR-CREEK.MO.US

# NEIGHBORLY NEWS

## Kidwell Will Be Missed

Linda L. Kidwell, 68, of Sugar Creek, Mo., passed away Friday, Aug. 8, 2014.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Mildred Kidwell; a sister, Norma Bourne; and one brother, Kevin Kidwell.

She is survived by her daughters, Deanna and John Rittel, and Valerie and Chris Soule; grandchildren, Blake, Alex, Andi and Hunter; brothers, Jim Kidwell, Denny (Cheryl) Kidwell and Russell (Brenda) Kidwell; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

## At the library... SEPTEMBER 2014



### ■ computer classes

**Computer Basics**– Tuesday, Sept. 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.

**Internet Basics**– Tuesday, Sept. 9 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, Sept. 16 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, Sept. 23 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.

**Goggle Docs**– Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 11:00 a.m. Stop relying on email attachments and multiple documents! Discover Google Docs and how it can help you and your colleagues collaborate, share, and store multiple documents in one convenient place.

### ■ crafts

**Quilting For The People**– Saturdays, Sept. 13 and Sept. 27 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, Sept. 5 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 Story Time**– Wednesdays, Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for our Family Story Time, bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

### ■ book clubs

**After Lunch Book Club**– Thursdays, Sept. 11 and Sept. 25 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 Sept. 10 and Sept. 24 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 Sugar Creek Branch Library will be CLOSED Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day Holiday.**

FRIENDS OF SUGAR CREEK ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT

# BBQ

Wednesday, Sept. 24, 2014 • 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Mike Onka Memorial Building

LUNCH & DINNER | SMOKED BRISKET,  
\$8.00 | PORK AND HAM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ROGER HOOPER AT  
816-813-3068. ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE BENEFIT WILL GO TO THE  
SUGAR CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

# THE RECYCLING BINS HAVE MOVED

The City of Sugar Creek recycling bins have moved to the City lot at Sterling and Evans. This will be the permanent location of the bins.

If you have questions, please contact Sugar Creek Public Works at (816) 252-4413.

# Sweet Talk

## September 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](http://www.sugar-creek.mo.us/City_News.html)

911  
252-7058

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1 LABOR DAY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	2 Refuse Route 1	3 Refuse Route 2	4 Refuse Route 3 Yardwaste Pickup	5 CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE	6
7	8 Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Public Hearing on the 2015 Budget	9 Refuse Route 2 Community Potluck Mike Onka Bldg. 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police/Fire Building	10 Refuse Route 3	11 Yardwaste Pickup 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission Mtg. - City Hall	12	13
14	15 Refuse Route 1	16 Refuse Route 2	17 Refuse Route 3 7:00 p.m. Business and Civic Club - Mallinson Manor	18 Yardwaste Pickup Delinquent date for utilities	19	20 10:00 a.m. Sugar Creek Fire Muster
21	22 Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	23 Refuse Route 2 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police/Fire Building	24 Refuse Route 3 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Friends of Sugar Creek BBQ Mike Onka Building	25 Yardwaste Pickup	26	27
28	29 Refuse Route 1	30 Refuse Route 2				

Past due notification date

**BE SURE TO REMEMBER...**

CLUB WALK: Every Monday through Friday from 9-10 a.m. at the Mike Onka Building  
ZUMBA CLASS: Every Mon. & Weds. from 6-7 p.m. - Mike Onka Hall - \$5.00 per class