

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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Code Enforcement Efforts Being Increased

After receiving a number of complaints and through personal observation of the condition of structures throughout Sugar Creek, the Board of Aldermen have asked the heads of various city departments to step up their efforts with regard to code enforcement.

City Administrator Ron Martinovich said department heads are being "fair but firm" with regard to yard and building maintenance issues throughout Sugar Creek.

He said the renewed effort is not intended to target anyone in particular, but to make sure The City presents itself as a quality place to live.

He said that during the past month a number of residential and business property owners have been approached about violations, and those owners have complied with various City Codes and cleaned up or repaired their property.

There have been some property owners, as well, who have had to have a chat in court with a judge with regard to the condition of their property and how to remedy the situation.

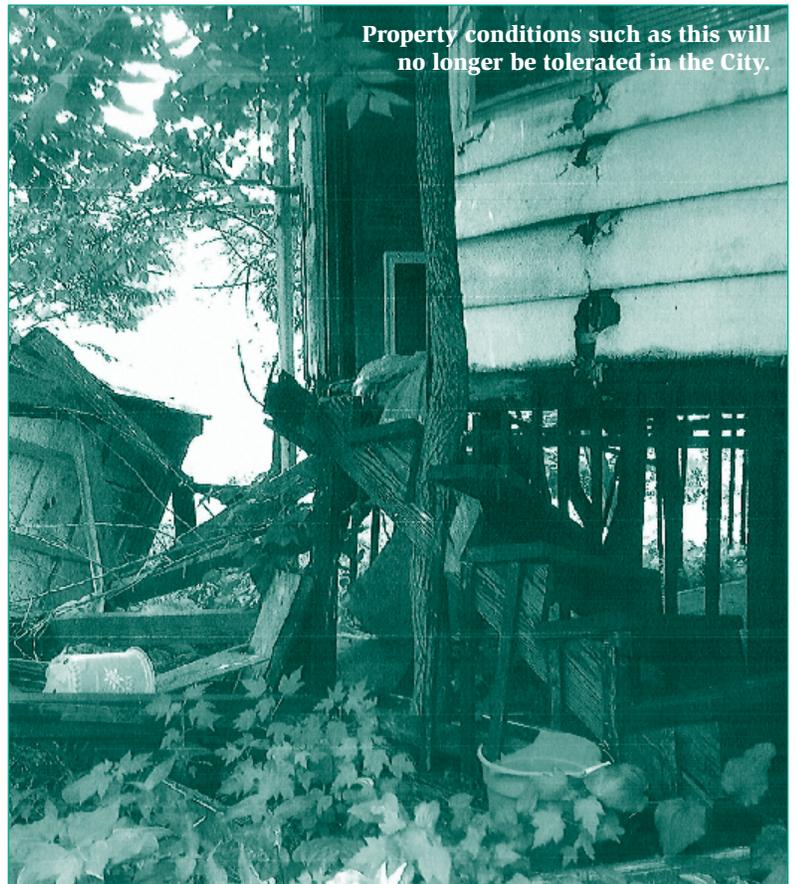
Martinovich said the three city departments involved are the Police, Fire and Buildings.

- The police are keeping an eye on properties, during routine patrols, in terms of exterior and yard conditions.

- The fire department is responsible for making sure codes are followed with regard to occupancy, safety and sanitation as they make visits to properties.

- The City's Building Official is patrolling Sugar Creek to check the condition of buildings, including adequate guttering and paint.

In addition, the Public Works



Property conditions such as this will no longer be tolerated in the City.

department is serving as a set of eyes for the city as they work around town to bring the possibility of violation of various city codes to the attention of the department heads.

All are making use of a newly compiled e-packet that includes the city codes from existing ordinances. The focus of the packet's information is on nuisances, housing code and dangerous building issues.

Landlords of rental property are currently required to provide their contact information or contact information for a local representative. In connection with this renewed

effort toward code compliance, the Board of Aldermen is discussing a new code focusing on the concern of absentee landlords. Under consideration is a requirement that all landlords of rental property be licensed through the City. The licensing provision would be in addition to providing contact information as required in the Landlord Tenant Guide. City Administrator Ron Martinovich said the efforts of all the departments are showing visual signs in the community but there is still much more work to be accomplished.



MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

To tell you where we are going, I must tell you where we are. To tell you where we are, I must tell you where we have been.

In my message this month, I am including the 2000/2010 Census results for Sugar Creek (below). This is a very valuable tool.

As you can see, our city lost fourteen percent of our total population over that ten year frame. As we know, we are already four years into the next decade. Over the last two years we have seen new residents and home owners. I am waiting on the current figures and will share our increases with you as I receive them.

When a population decreases, so do the

potential resources to pay the city bills.

During roughly the same timeframe, our city went from more than nine million dollars in reserve to less than two million dollars.

We have a large debt on the Police and Fire building, as well as the 24 Highway and Sterling retail project. Certain streets are in need of resurfacing and water/sewer lines are always challenging, to say the least.

That is where we have been and where we are. The future is still to be told. Any business in this situation cannot remain status quo.

Without change, stagnation sets in. Stagnation encourages status quo. Often times people do not like change but change

is inevitable. Change needs to be embraced. Change should be encouraged.

A city must look for ways to increase its boundaries. To increase its population. To increase its business district. A city must always be anticipating change, and be ready for the future. City Hall is poised and ready for change. For positive change. For progression!

Side note: The retail project is still progressing, albeit slow. We are making sure we have the right rent factor and the correct long term anchor. If not, when the project is built and the bonds are sold, our city would still hold a large debt. We are being very diligent to prevent this scenario.

Thank you,

Mayor Matt Mallinson

| Sugar Creek, Missouri - Overview | 2010 Census Counts | Percentages | 2000 Census Counts | Percentages | 2000-2010 Change | Percentages |
|--|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| Total Population | 3,345 | 100.00% | 3,873 | 100.00% | -528 | -13.63% |
| Population by Race | | | | | | |
| American Indian and Alaska native alone | 18 | 0.54% | 30 | 0.77% | -12 | -40.00% |
| Asian alone | 19 | 0.57% | 20 | 0.52% | -1 | -5.00% |
| Black or African American alone | 82 | 2.45% | 30 | 0.77% | 52 | 173.33% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific native alone | 21 | 0.63% | 18 | 0.46% | 3 | 16.67% |
| Some other race alone | 81 | 2.42% | 65 | 1.68% | 16 | 24.62% |
| Two or more races | 85 | 2.54% | 76 | 1.96% | 9 | 11.84% |
| White alone | 3,039 | 90.85% | 3,634 | 93.83% | -595 | -16.37% |
| Population by Hispanic or Latino Origin (of any race) | | | | | | |
| Persons Not of Hispanic or Latino Origin | 3,109 | 92.94% | 3,713 | 95.87% | -604 | -16.27% |
| Persons of Hispanic or Latino Origin | 236 | 7.06% | 160 | 4.13% | 76 | 47.50% |
| Population by Gender | | | | | | |
| Female | 1,664 | 49.75% | 1,935 | 49.96% | -271 | -14.01% |
| Male | 1,681 | 50.25% | 1,938 | 50.04% | -257 | -13.26% |
| Population by Age | | | | | | |
| Persons 0 to 4 years | 226 | 6.76% | 240 | 6.20% | -14 | -5.83% |
| Persons 5 to 17 years | 490 | 14.65% | 609 | 15.72% | -119 | -19.54% |
| Persons 18 to 64 years | 2,115 | 63.23% | 2,437 | 62.92% | -322 | -13.21% |
| Persons 65 years and over | 514 | 15.37% | 587 | 15.16% | -73 | -12.44% |



Firefighters Climb 110 Stories

Two (2) Sugar Creek Fire Fighters along with 341 other Metro Firefighters embarked on a 110 story climb to the top of the Town Pavilion high rise in downtown Kansas City on September 7, 2014. The climb was in remembrance of the 343 firefighters killed on 9-11-2001. The Firefighters climbed in honor of the FDNY firefighters who lost their lives on 9/11. The overall cause was to raise donations for fallen firefighters and remember the fallen. Registration was capped at 343 firefighters one for each firefighter that lost their life on that day. Teams varied from 4-6 persons based on the size of their team.

I would like to thank, Firefighter Brandon Smith and Capt. Nathan Stevens for participating in this historic event. Speaking with Brandon he said it took an hour and 45 minutes to complete with all our equipment on and it was one of the hardest tasks he has set out to complete. Both of them are already looking forward to climbing again next year.

— Patrick Casey, Fire Chief

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

EXTRA BULKY REFUSE PICKUP– The final bulky item pick-up for 2014 will begin on Monday October 6.

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

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PICKUP SUSPENDED– Curbside recycling pickup will be discontinued until further notice due to truck maintenance. Residents can use the drop off boxes located at Sterling and Evans.

DROP OFF RECYCLING– Cardboard, paperboard, white paper, and office paper can be CO-MINGLED in the recycling bins that are available for residents to use. Glass is can NOT be combined with paper/plastic/tin, there is a separate container for glass. These bins are located at the lot on Sterling Ave and Evans. The gates are open 7 days a week 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

YARD WASTE INFORMATION– Yard waste is considered as an organic matter. Which includes, grass clippings, tree limbs, and leaves. Please consult the calendar and web site for additional information of yardwaste. In November the dates for pick up are

Thursday yard waste procedures:

- Place items in containers not weighing more than 65 lbs. or
- Use Kraft brown paper bags - NO PLASTIC BAGS.
- Cut, tie, and bundle all brush, in 4 ft. lengths.
- Do not use wire to tie brush.
- Do not mix household refuse with yard waste.
- Bundles, Containers & contents, or paper bag contents must not weigh over 65 lb.

PLEASE NOTE: Yard waste cannot be included in regular household refuse. If yard waste is detected in regular solid waste, it will not be picked up. Dates for yard waste collection are November 6 and November 20 and December 4 and December 18.

DATES TO REMEMBER– CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP: January 8. LARGE ITEM PICKUP: April 6–First Monday; July 6–First Monday; October 5–First Monday.

— 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 October 14. We will provide fried chicken; please bring a side dish or desert, and enjoy visiting with your community. The potluck will be held at Mike Onka Hall, and lunch will begin at 12:00pm.

CLUB WALK– Club Walk is held at the Sugar Creek gymnasium Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for all those interested in walking to stay in shape. This will provide the option to keep exercising even during inclement weather. Eighteen times around the gym equals one mile! Periodically, we will have rehab facilities attend to enhance our walking program.

TAI CHI EXERCISE– Tai Chi Exercise will be starting October 2. This will be a 6-week session held at the Sugar Creek gymnasium on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at no charge!

INSTRUCTIONAL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL– This will be for ages 4 up to 10 years old or grades Kindergarten thru 4th grade. If you have children interested in joining we will have registrations available at city hall for the Youth Sports programs.

BOB ROSS OIL PAINTING CLASSES– Bob Ross Oil painting classes will be on November 15, for a fee of \$35.00. Classes 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.

NEW DINNER THEATER– October 15th, 2014, \$40.00 per person. Price includes transportation, lunch, and the production of *Murder Among Friends* starring Morgan Fairchild. We have limited amount of reserved seats; you must pre-register for this by September 12, 2014.

CHRISTMAS IN BRANSON– Sign up today to travel with Sugar Creek Parks and Recreation to Branson, Missouri, the “Live Music Show” Capital of the World. We will visit Silver Dollar City, and celebrate the true meaning of this magical season amidst the glow of over 5 million dazzling lights, 1,000 decorated Christmas Trees, two Broadway-style productions and a 5-story special effects Christmas Tree! Plus, a NEW Holly Jolly Christmas Light Parade featuring Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer & Friends. You’ll take home beautiful holiday memories destined to last a lifetime and a lake cruise on the Branson Belle. Pre-register for this trip by October 13, 2014.

FREE FAMILY FALL FEST– Saturday, October 25, 2014. The festival will be held at the Mike Onka Memorial Hall from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Sugar Creek Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will again be hosting the Family Fall Festival. This is a safe trick or treating event for the youth of the community.

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

KCP&L Institutes New Policy For City Power Outages

This year we have already experienced severe weather which has caused numerous power outages across the city.

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 Sugar Creek 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 you and your family are ready for when severe weather strikes and know the appropriate actions to take.



Sugar Creek Parks & Recreation

FREE Annual Family Fall Festival

Saturday, October 25, 2014
11am - 2pm



- Safe Trick or Treat • Games from Local Businesses
- Haunted House • Hay Rides • Costume Contest
- Pie Eating Contest • Pony Rides starting at 12:30pm

Free hot dog, chips, popcorn and water for each individual provided by Inter-City Sugar Creek Optimist Club

Join us for a fun filled afternoon at Mike Onka Hall
11520 Putnam St. • Sugar Creek, MO 64054

For more information contact: Connie at 816-252-4400 ext. 137

Costume Contest Hours



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|---------------|---------|
| Infant – 3yrs | 11:30am |
| 4yrs – 7yrs | 12:00pm |
| 8yrs – 12yrs | 12:30pm |
| 13yrs & up | 1:00pm |

*Registration for each age group will close 5 minutes before start time.

Pre-Registration for Costume Contest

Bring this portion with you!

Child's First & Last Name _____

Age Category
(Please circle one)

Infant – 3yrs 4yrs – 7yrs 8yrs – 12yrs 13yrs & Up



To be completed day of event

Contestant # _____

NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Life of Manners Remembered



Mildred S. Manners of Sugar Creek, Mo., passed away Saturday, Aug. 16, 2014.

Mildred was born in Sugar Creek and was a lifelong resident and member of St. Cyril's Parish. She was seamstress for the Nelly Don Co.

She is survived by many nieces, nephews and other family members.

Wrabec Will Be Missed



Mary B. Wrabec, 88, of Sugar Creek, Missouri, passed away August 14, 2014.

Mary was born September 28, 1925, in Sugar Creek, Missouri. After 44 years, she retired from Sears Roebuck where she had worked as a key punch operator. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard Wrabec; twin sister, Vera Villers; and two brothers, Joe and Tony Gensor.

She is survived by her sister, Agnes Pennington; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.



At the library... OCTOBER 2014

computer classes

Computer Basics– Tuesday, October 7 at 11:00 a.m. Learn more about getting around on your computer in this class, which offers insights into hardware and software components.

E-Mail Basics– Tuesday, October 14 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.

Goggle Docs– Tuesday, October 21 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.

iPad Basics– Tuesday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m. Still trying to figure out how to operate your new iPad? Join us for this introductory class on using the Apple iPad.

crafts

Quilting For The People– Saturdays, October 11 and October 25 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, October 3 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.

Toddler Time– Every Thursday in October at 9:30 a.m. Join us every Thursday morning for a story time for your little ones. Pre-school and small children (and parents!) welcome.

Family Story Time– Wednesdays, October 8 and October 22 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for our Family Story Time, bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

Family Movie– Saturday, October 8 at 2:00 p.m. Contact us at the library for this month's Family Film. Admission and refreshments are always free. Join us!

Creeker Craft Time– Thursday, October 16 at 4:30 p.m. Join us every third Thursday for a craft! We will provide the supplies; all you need to do is provide your imagination and creative skills.

book clubs

After Lunch Book Club– Thursdays, October 9 and October 23 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 October 8 and October 22 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.



Sugar Creek Parks and Recreation

Tai Chi Classes

Starting October 2, 2014

10:00 to 11:00a.m.

No charge

Certified instructor: Maggie Anderson

Held at the Sugar Creek Gym

11232 Chicago

Sugar Creek, MO 64054

Tai Chi includes exercises designed to develop flexible strength and internal energy. This old kung fu practice applies to health and longevity issues as well as to martial applications.

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

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October 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:
 • CLUB WALK: Monday through Friday, 9 to 10 a.m., Mike Onka Building
 • ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS: Every Mon. & Wed., 6 to 7 p.m., Sugar Creek Gym. \$5.00/class

| sunday | monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday |
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| | | | 1 Refuse Route 3 6:30 p.m. Community Meeting pertaining to Annexation Mike Onka Building | 2 Yardwaste Pickup 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. FREE! Tai Chi Class Sugar Creek Gym | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Refuse Route 1 Bulky Item Pickup | 6 Refuse Route 1 | 7 Refuse Route 2 | 8 Refuse Route 3 | 9 Yardwaste Pickup 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission Mtg. - City Hall | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Refuse Route 1 | 13 Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting | 14 Refuse Route 2 Community Potluck Mike Onka Bldg. 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police/Fire Building | 15 Refuse Route 3 | 16 Yardwaste Pickup | 17 Delinquent date for utilities | 18 |
| 19 Refuse Route 1 | 20 Refuse Route 1 | 21 Refuse Route 2 | 22 Refuse Route 3 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Ham and Bean Fundraiser Sugar Creek United Methodist Church | 23 Yardwaste Pickup | 24 | 25 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Family Fun Fest Mike Onka Bldg. Parking Lot |
| 26 Refuse Route 1 | 27 Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting Past due notification date | 28 Refuse Route 2 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police/Fire Building | 29 Refuse Route 3 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. St. Cyrils Chili Supper Fundraiser Mike Onka Bldg. | 30 Yardwaste Pickup (Last Weekly Pickup) | 31 HALLOWEEN | |