

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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Cassie Williams

Moose Lodge Takes Over CCRC Operation



On November 18, the Kansas City Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 10 will host an open house at the new Sterling Avenue location of the Citizen's Civic Relief Commission.

Kansas City Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 10 of Sugar Creek has taken over the operation of the Citizens Civic Relief Commission.

The CCRC will be located across from the current Moose Lodge, which is located at 510 ½ N. Sterling. The CCRC will be next to Kross Lounge & Ernie's Restaurant. Hours will be 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The new location will offer street level access, said Bruce Morgan, Administrator of the Moose Lodge, as well as office space in which to privately counsel with patrons. He said the space will be brighter and less intimidating, too.

"We will continue to give a hand up, not a hand out," said Morgan.

"And, we may need to expand to a second building within a couple of months," added Morgan.

For more than 60 years, the Citizens Civic Relief Commission (CCRC) has been operated independently by a group of volunteers. It has helped residents in distress of Sugar Creek with food, medicine and utility assistance. It has been located in the basement of a building at 11232 Chicago Ave.

After volunteer resources dwindled, Mayor Matt Mallinson asked the Loyal Order of Moose if they would consider taking on the operation of this important community service for residents of Sugar Creek.

The answer was yes, said Morgan. The Moose Lodge, which traces its history back more than a hundred years, has always provided assistance to the community - locally and nationally.

Locally, the lodge has adopt-

ed families at Thanksgiving and Christmas, helped with the children's identification program with the Sugar Creek Police and Fire Departments, helped purchase a rescue boat for the police/fire departments, as well as other projects. Nationally the organization supports a school in Mooseheart, Ill., and a retirement community for members in Moosehaven City of Contentment, in Orange Park, Fla.

Morgan said the Moose Lodge will continue running the food pantry and provide some utility assistance as well as health and job counseling services. Over time, he expects other services will be added.

The Moose Lodge continues to seek donations of cash, food and volunteer help for the CCRC. Those so desiring may bring their donations to the Moose Lodge.



MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

First I want to commend our department heads for looking deeply into ways to operate more efficiently and less expensively. This is only the third year in more than a decade that we have a balanced budget. Our budget even includes the much needed employee raises, police cars AND a fire truck! Each department has balanced and added these necessary items to keep our city safe and protected. I commend them and encourage them to continue this practice in the upcoming years.

Meeting our financial obligations will continue to be challenging. The 24 Highway and Sterling project still weighs heavy on our bank accounts. I assure you, we are still making progress. I will not make any hints of a time frame, whereas the past ones have not materialized. City Hall is still confident that a finished product is in sight. We will NOT let it be built if it is not financially feasible. We will NOT let our



city go bankrupt due to improper financial planning. This is taking more time than we would like, however our diligent focus to detail will result in a better built, more sustainable complex.

We have already begun to see our city visually improving. Many home owners are taking more pride in their homes. Thank you. Many neighbors seem to be helping neighbors. Again, thank you. Granted, we

still have some 'problem areas', but we are working proactively on these and actively helping to make neighborhoods better. We must be doing something right because home sales are rising.

Next month I will have some figures and charts to share.

Sugar Creek is going places!

*Thank you,
Mayor Matt Mallinson*

City Of Sugar Creek Fire/Police Get New Rescue Boat



The Sugar Creek Fire / Police department has acquired a new piece of equipment. The Departments new rescue boat is a much needed resource in our community. Over the years we have had numerous calls for service on the Missouri River either to assist with the rescue of a jumper off the Missouri River Bridge, a person seen floating, or an emergency medical condition for someone on the river. In the past the Missouri Water Patrol / Highway Patrol has been our go to for these types of rescue. They have done an excellent job for us in the past and will continue to do so when called to assist us in the future.

This past spring a young man decided to jump from the Missouri River Bridge. The Missouri Highway Patrol was notified to dispatch a boat to the City of Sugar Creek for this rescue. Response time was roughly over an hour. Certainly no fault of theirs, it is just that those who are on patrol once dispatched must get a boat, hook it up, then respond to the location. Our departments had many ready to assist, however, we watched this young man go down river, and stood by helplessly until help could arrive.

It was decided that more assistance at this location was critical. With the help of several who spearheaded this task, we were able to purchase a new boat. The boat is the same as the ones used by the Missouri Highway Patrol for their rescues. The funds were generously donated by various clubs within our city, merchants and citizens of our community.

The water rescue team will consist of six fireman & six police officers. The rescue team will be trained before going out on the river. Training will consist of lake training, then training on the Missouri River and learning to navigate the swift current of the river. This boat will not only benefit the citizens of Sugar Creek, it will assist all those who use our boat ramp to enter the Missouri River.

If you would like more information on this boat or would like to make a donation for some specialized equipment, please contact Patrick Casey, Fire Chief at 816-252-7058 or email at pcasey@sugar-creek.mo.us.

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY– America Recycles Day is a nationally-recognized day, scheduled on November 15 each year to encourage and raise awareness about recycling.

The City encourages YOU to get involved and host your own “Clean Your Files” Day. Whether at home or at work, you can participate by cleaning out any unneeded paperwork and taking it to the City’s drop-off recycling centers.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY– The Sugar Creek Business & Civic Club and the City of Sugar Creek would like to invite all residents of the City to attend the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held on Saturday, December 6, 2014.

YARD WASTE PICK-UP– Yard waste collection dates for November are November 6 and November 20. Please be sure to have yardwaste out by Thursday. Pickup generally takes 1 to 1 1/2 days.

Yard waste collection dates for December will be December 4 and December 18.

SHARE TREASURED MEMORIES WITH YOUR 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”x 8” brick is only \$75.00

For more information, please contact Sue Mikula at 816-252-4413 ext. 302, or you may pick up a brochure at either 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 Community Potluck on November 11. We will provide baked turkey; 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!

ZUMBA CLASS– Zumba Class is held Monday and Wednesday, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym. Cost of class \$5.00. Please wear comfortable shoes and don’t forget to bring water. Classes are taught by certified licensed instructor Krystal Thompson. Email questions to Krystal at krystalthompson300@msn.com.

INSTRUCTIONAL YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL– 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.

INSTRUCTIONAL YOUTH BASKETBALL– 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. This program will start in January 2015.

BOB ROSS OIL PAINTING CLASSES– Class schedule for 2015 coming soon! 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.

NEW DINNER THEATER– January 17, \$40.00 per person. Price includes transportation, lunch, and the production of *Shear Madness* starring Jamie Farr. We have a limited amount of reserved seats; you must pre-register for this by December 12.

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 more than 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 and a lake cruise on the Branson Belle. You’ll take home beautiful holiday memories destined to last a lifetime! Pre-register by October 13.

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

ALL RESIDENTS, PLEASE NOTE: WATER UTILITY INCREASE

The billing that goes out at the end of October 2014 has the new water rates that the Board of Alderman approved on February 11, 2013, Ordinance No. 3691. The base rate for a 5/8” residential meter will increase from \$9.79 to \$9.99 a month and volume charge is going from \$3.30 to \$3.40. For a complete list of meter size rate changes, please come to City Hall.

— Cari Beeman, Utility Clerk



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION
CITY OF SUGAR CREEK, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

Notice is hereby given to the registered qualified voters of the City of Sugar Creek, Missouri, that the Board of Aldermen of said City has called a Special Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The polls will be open from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m.

The official ballot will be substantially in the following form:

**SAMPLE BALLOT
CITY OF SUGAR CREEK, MISSOURI
SPECIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

QUESTION

Shall the City of Sugar Creek, Missouri annex unincorporated territory adjacent to it?

YES
NO

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

If you are in favor of the question, use the Inkavote stylus to dot the circle located directed to the right of YES. Press down to fill the circle. If you are opposed to the question, use the Inkavote stylus to dot the circle directly to the right of NO. Press down to fill the circle.

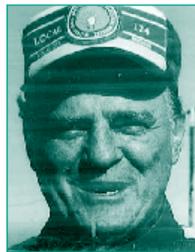
The following is a list of the polling (voting) locations:

<u>PCTS.</u>	<u>POLLS</u>	<u>ADDRESSES</u>
BLUE TOWNSHIP SUB-DISTRICT 1		
5	Sugar Creek Church of Christ	10800 E Kentucky Ave
6	Moose Lodge No. 10	510 1/2 N Sterling
7	The Independence Branch	707 N Allen Rd
BLUE TOWNSHIP SUB-DISTRICT 3		
6,7*	New Hope Baptist Church	18000 E Lexington Rd
BLUE TOWNSHIP SUB-DISTRICT 4		
1	Sugar Creek Church of Christ	10800 E Kentucky Ave

(*Only those who live within the boundaries of the city of Sugar Creek may vote in this election.)

NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Life of Owens Remembered



Boyd Mike Owens, 81, Sugar Creek, passed away on September 3, 2014.

His final request was that his body be donated to medical science, either for teaching or research.

A celebration of his life was held September 14 at the IBEW Union Hall, Kansas City, MO.

He was born March 13, 1933 to Boyd James and Dorothy Caroline Owens.

He is survived by his longtime partner, Betty Howard of the home, sons, Mick, James and daughter, Deanna and several grandchildren.

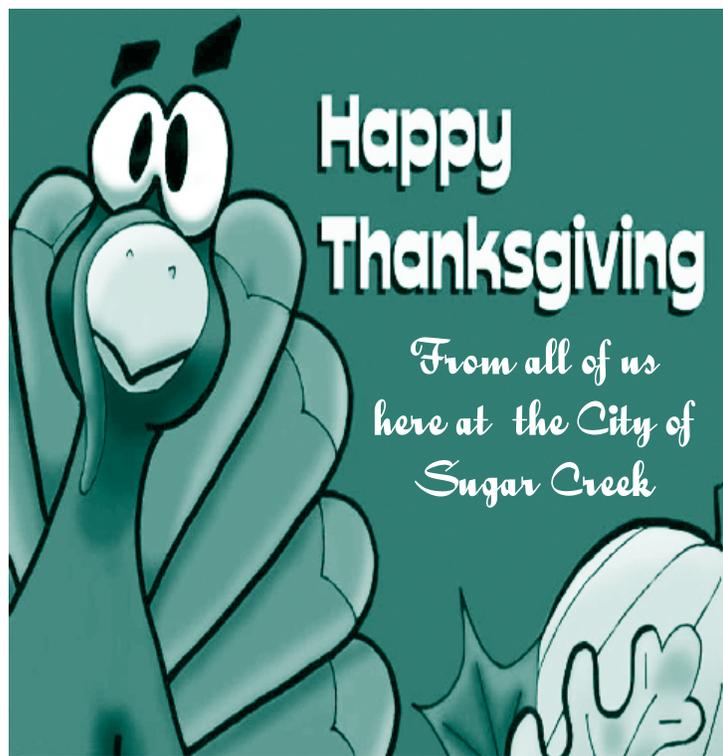
Mike enlisted in the US Army twice, once when he was 15 years old. He was a 58 year member of the IBEW and served as an Assistant Business agent for Local Union 124 retiring in 1995.

Mike was an avid auto racing fan and participant. He raced from the 1950's through the 1990s. Mike was a private pilot and flew several times to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and enjoyed spending time there during the winter. In lieu of flowers the family request donations to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Ararat Shrine Transportation Fund or organizations supporting the spaying and neutering of stray pets.

Balko Will Be Missed

Mildred Balko, 87, of Sugar Creek, Mo., passed away Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014, at the Rosewood Health Center.

Services were held October 8, at the Carson-Speaks Chapel, in Independence. Burial followed in Mound Grove Cemetery.



At the library... NOVEMBER 2014



computer classes

Computer Basics– Tuesday, Nov. 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.

E-Mail Basics– Tuesday, Nov.11 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.

Internet Basics– Tuesday, Nov. 18 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.

Google Docs– Tuesday, Nov. 25 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, Nov. 8 and Nov. 22 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, Nov. 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 & noise allowed.

Toddler Time– Thursdays, Nov. 6, Nov. 13 and Nov. 20 at 9:30 a.m. Join us every Thursday morning for a story time for your little ones. Preschool and small children (and parents!) welcome.

Family Story Time– Wednesday, Nov. 12 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, Nov. 15 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, Nov. 20 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– Thursday, Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m. Join us for an After Lunch Book Club at the Sugar Creek Branch Library as we read and discuss great books.

Fairmount Community Center Book Group– Wednesdays, Nov. 12 and Nov. 26 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 closing early on Wednesday, November 26 at 5:00 p.m. and be CLOSED Thursday, Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

