

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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New Tools Bring Curbside Recycling Back



Because of equipment failure, the City of Sugar Creek has had to make changes to the curbside recycling program.

Because of this, the City has installed a satellite recycling center in the fenced lot at Sterling and Evans where residents can bring recyclables.

The Sugar Creek Refuse Collection Program has always been second to none in customer service, according to Ed Layton, Director of Public Works.

The services have included a weekly refuse collection and curbside recycling.

“We hope to renew the curbside recycling with the purchase of reliable equipment that will make the task more user friendly,” said Layton of the temporary solution to the equipment failure.

He said there is still curbside

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Ed Layton, Director of Public Works

yard waste collection from April to December. In 2015, there will be a curbside bulky item collection in April and October.

Layton said residents can also receive a free pass from Public Works to the landfill in Sugar Creek. To get the pass, residents must present a picture I.D. and a current, paid receipt from a Sugar Creek utility bill.

“There has been a lot of discussion about the future of the solid waste program in Sugar Creek, said

Layton.

“At one point I was convinced that the city should contract out the account with a private contractor. I believe the private contractors do a good job but I am also certain that Public Works performs a more tailored service for Sugar Creek citizens. I believe if a contractor did the work it would be a case of less work for more money. We have a track record of providing good customer satisfaction and we intend to continue with that policy.”

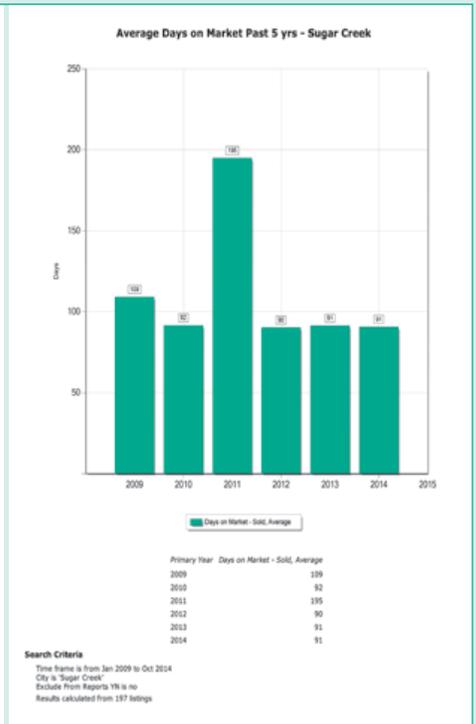
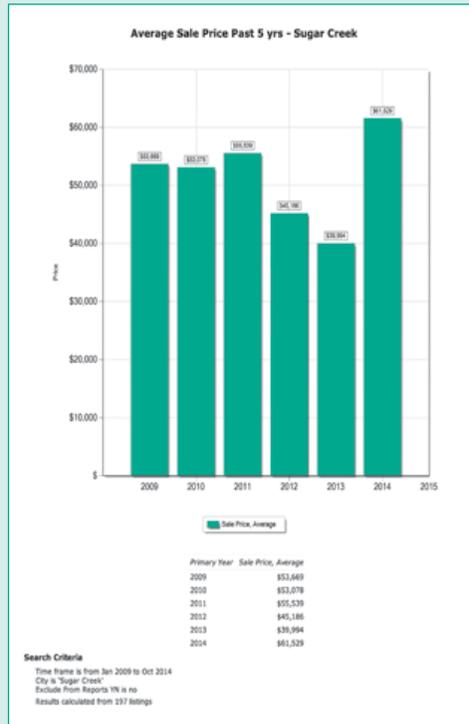


MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Again, to determine where we are going, we need to know where we have been. Here are some very useful real estate charts that we are using to gauge our progress. Most concerning to me as Mayor is the average sale price of a house in Sugar Creek had fallen by over 25% from 2009 to 2013. You can see this year's average cost of a home in Sugar Creek has increased by 35% from last year! Note the number of days for a home to be on the market has dropped by more than half to just three months from 2011!

What has caused the upturn? Realtors say our image has increased. Some of the main features that home buyers are looking for are good schools, police and fire protection, close commute to work and activities, up-kept parks and recreational facilities. We have spent the last year showcasing our town, inviting people to our events,

— See *"Mayor Matt's Message" page 5*



business spotlight

KNOWHOWE SALON



KnowHowe Salon new to the community with 4 new hair stylist and a nail technician, offering the best of Redken, Dermalogica, and Gelish products.

Mary Howe now the owner of KnowHowe Salon, formally known as Christine's, has been in the beauty profession for 25 years. She has brought with her experienced stylists and a nail tech whom all specialize in different services. Danielle specialized in trendy cuts and styles. Vanessa specialized in special occasion and costume make-up. Mary specializes with senior citizens. Cheri specializes in pedicures and cuts and Jeniffer specializes in gel manicures. We all offer great services such as haircuts, color, waxes, pedicures, manicures and facials.

We hope for you to come support our community by checking us out. We do offer discounts such as student, seniors, police, military and V.I.P. Our goal is to be able to provide professional services to our clients and make them look and feel great about themselves by the time they leave our salon. We guarantee all of our services.

We hope to meet more of Sugar Creek's residents and become a salon that provides the services that the community is looking for.

— Mary Howe from KnowHowe Salon

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

YARD WASTE PICKUP– Yard waste will be collected December 4 and December 18.

Yard waste pickup will resume April 2015.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING– The Public Works Department will begin picking up Christmas trees on Thursday, January 8. To recycle your Christmas tree, please make sure all decorating trim is removed from the tree, and placed by the street curb for easy access. Trees must be out by Thursday, January 8 at 7 a.m.

SCATTERED TRASH– Please use caution when setting out trash with wild animals and domestic animals left to fend for themselves, they will tear up trash. Our crews have been seeing this more frequently. Please be aware that our crews cannot rake or pick up scattered trash. Trash bags should be in containers with a lid on them.

MISSOURI SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL LAW FACT– In order to conserve landfill space, promote recycling and reduce the chance of environmental contamination, several items have been banned from landfills. These items include major appliances, whole tires, oil and lead-acid batteries. The Solid Waste Disposal law requires changes in the way we dispose of waste. It is an opportunity for all Missourians to unite at the grass roots level to ensure a healthy environment for future generations.

LANDFILL PERMIT PROCEDURES– Please note the following requirements concerning the usage of the Sugar Creek landfill:

- Must be a resident of the City of Sugar Creek and all city refuse charges must be current and up to date.
- City utility bill must be presented at time of obtaining permit.
- Maximum number of permits shall be twelve (12) in a calendar year; additional permits during the year may be issued at the discretion of the public works director.
- Residents using haulers other than themselves must call ahead to approve hauler to pick up permit.
- All waste material being hauled to the landfill must be in compliance with the regulation that govern what items may be placed into a sanitary landfill as determined by law.
- Permits for the landfill are only issued to property that has a residence located at the address.

— 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 December 9. We will provide cabbage rolls; 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! Next session will start in January 2015.

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– Next class will be held January 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.

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.

GARDEN CLUB– We will hold our next Meeting January 15. The meeting will be held at the Sugar Creek Gym at 6:00 p.m. We will have a guest speaker from Jackson County Health Department.

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

PLEASE MAKE NOTE

**Parks closed for the winter on October 31.
Reservations for the 2015 season can be made
by contacting the Sugar Creek Parks and
Recreation Department.**

A REMINDER FOR ALL RESIDENTS:

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 65 lbs., and shall have handles as a LIFTING DEVICE.

Holiday Tree Lighting Saturday December 6th

The Sugar Creek Business & Civic Club and the City of Sugar Creek invite all residents to attend the annual Christmas tree lighting to be held on Saturday December 6.

The tree lighting will be held at Wells Park at 6:00 p.m.

Following the tree lighting, all activities will move to the Mike Onka Memorial building 11521 Putnam.

Santa Claus will visit with all the young children at the Mike Onka Memorial Building immediately following the tree lighting.

The CCRC will be accepting donations of canned or dry food products. Special containers will be available for donations.

For more information call 816-252-4400



City Hopes To Prevent Future Accidents With Signal

This past October we had a very serious accident at the intersection of M-291 Highway at the Crossroad in front of the landfill.

This accident involved a large semi-truck that hauls compacted trash into the landfill numerous on a daily basis, after exiting the landfill the truck had to cross the road through this intersection which is not a signaled intersection and go south on M-291 Highway as trucks do many times a day.

This particular time the truck crossed over in front of a car traveling northbound, this



happened so quick that the occupant of the car smashed into the rear-end of the semi-trailers back axels. The lone occupant of the

car was seriously injured in this crash as they were driving to work that morning, the truck driver was not injured. The impact was so great that items in the trunk of the car broke the back seat and came through due to the violent impact.

Could this type of crash be avoided in the future yes?

The City Council and the Missouri Department of Transportation (MODOT) took

the initiative last year to build an east outer roadway extension that would come out of the landfill and go to a signalized intersection at M-291 & Courtney Road.

There was mixed reaction about the improvement not being needed, but coming to a signalized intersection is the safest route you can take.

The improvement was funded by Lafarge Corporation, Missouri Department of Transportation and Federal funds.

From a safety standpoint, if it saves one life and prevents one accident it's worth the expense to be installed, hopefully this intersection will be completed soon and help prevent these types of accidents in the future.

NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Life of Dykal Remembered



Claudia M. Dykal, 89, Sugar Creek, Mo., passed away Sunday, Oct. 12, 2014, at her home.

Claudia Marie Gragg Dykal was born August 1, 1925, in Rockville, Mo., to Ed and Ida Gragg. She grew up on a farm near Appleton City, Mo., and after her graduation from Appleton City High School in 1943, she moved to the Kansas City area. In 1951, she married Emil Dykal of Sugar Creek. Claudia was a member of St. Cyril Catholic Church and its Altar and Rosary Society. She retired from the FAA in 1989. In addition to her parents, Claudia was preceded in death by her brother, June Gragg.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Emil; 5 children: David Dykal and wife, Rhonda, Cindy Waits and husband, Terry, Nancy Fitzgerald and husband, Mike, Donna Dykal and Ron Dykal; 7 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Tommy Gragg; and several cousins, nieces and nephews

Manners Wil be Remembered

Nancy J. Manners, 93, of Sugar Creek, Mo., passed away at her home Friday, Oct. 24, 2014.

Nancy was born May 17, 1921, in Sugar Creek, Mo. She was a member of St. Cyril's Catholic Church and the Altar Society. The joys of Nancy's life were her family and friends, her extensive travels, reading avidly, and expressing her creativity in arts and crafts. Nancy was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 63 years, Thomas Manners, and a sister, Opal Montgomery.

She is survived by her daughters, Marilyn (Randy Rutsky) and Christina; her brother, John Hix (Shirley); and many nieces and nephews.

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showing others that Sugar Creek has all the features they are looking for. Our town has now become a more desired place to live in in the Metro! For those who have helped showcase our town, thank you.

We are proud of these positive figures. We are not done. We are still searching for ways to continue to improve our image and appearances. We are aggressively pursuing ways to continue to increase the value of our homes and desirability of our neighborhoods. Our citizens have a renewed pride in our town and it shows!

Sugar Creek has a balanced budget. We have a new fire truck ordered. Raises given. We have an increase in real estate sales. Home values have increased. We are showcasing our town in positive ways.

Sugar Creek is going places!

Thank you,
Mayor Matt Mallinson

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At the library...
DECEMBER 2014

■ computer classes

Computer Basics— Tuesday, Dec. 2 and Tuesday, Dec. 30 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, Dec. 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, Dec. 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, Dec. 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.

■ crafts

Quilting For The People— Saturdays, Dec. 6 and Saturday, Dec. 20 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, Dec. 5 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.

Family Story Time— Wednesday, Dec. 10 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, Dec. 13 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, Dec. 18 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, Dec. 11 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— Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 12:15 p.m. Join us 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 close early, at 5:00pm on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and will be CLOSED Thursday, Dec. 25 for the Christmas Holiday. The Library will close early, at 5:00pm on Wednesday, Dec. 31, and will be CLOSED on Thursday, January 1 for the New Year.

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December 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 Refuse Route 1	2 Refuse Route 2	3 Refuse Route 3	4 Yardwaste Pickup	5 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Full Time Employee Holiday Lunch Onka Building	6 6:00 p.m. Tree Lighting Ceremony - Wells Park, followed by meeting Santa at Onka Bldg.
7	8 Refuse Route 1	9 Refuse Route 2	10 Refuse Route 3	11 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	18 Yardwaste Pickup	19	20
21	22 Refuse Route 1	23 Refuse Route 2	24 Refuse Route 3	25 CHRISTMAS DAY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	26	27
28	29 Refuse Route 1	30 Refuse Route 2	31 Refuse Route 3			

Past due notification date

Delinquent date for utilities

BE SURE TO REMEMBER...

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