

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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SUGAR CREEK ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor

Matt Mallinson

Aldermen

Stanley J. Sagehorn
Joseph D. Kenney
Lorcan Doyle
Robert Ray

City Marshal

Herbert M. Soule

City Administrator

Ron Martinovich

City Clerk

Jana Olivarez-Dickerson

City Treasurer

Linda Martinovich

Building Official

Paul Loving

Director of Public Works

Ed Layton

City Attorney

C. Robert Buckley

Municipal Judge

Garry L. Helm

Municipal Court Clerk

Cassie Williams

Sugar Creek Mourns Loss Of Police Chief

The City of Sugar Creek is mourning the loss of Police Chief Herbert M. Soule, Jr.

Soule, 70, died Nov. 14, surrounded by family, at North Kansas City Hospital.

His memorial service was Nov. 25.

Soule was born in New Orleans, La., on Sept. 11, 1944. When he was young his family moved to Sugar Creek and he became a police officer for the City in 1966. He was eventually elected Chief of Police in 2001, serving in that capacity until his death.

Earlier this year he was honored by the City of Sugar Creek as its recipient of the 2014 Missouri Municipal League West Gate Division's Civic Leadership Award and the Truman Heartland Citizen of the Year, for his years of service to the City.

In an open letter to employees and residents, Mayor Matt Mallinson said: "Herb Soule was a true and trusted friend to Sugar Creek and it's citizens. He served our community for over 50 years. He grew up with the community, and the community grew up with him.

"Personally, my life has been enriched from our lifelong friendship."

At the service for Soule, Capt. Dick Hodges said he first met Soule at his job interview. They went to Soule's "second office," Hardee's, they had coffee then rode around Sugar Creek and talked about the City and the department.

"I walked away with a gun, badge, some worn leather and a couple of worn uniforms. Our friendship started that night and has grown over the years."

Hodges talked about the people



Soule hired for the police department from other walks of life.

"He gave them a second chance and gave back their dignity when he gave them a job with the department."

Hodges continued, "Herb had a love for people and would help anyone who asked. He always purchased several cases of fruit before Christmas and we would make deliveries to children's homes in the area. He would visit elderly friends

at their homes, hospitals or nursing homes." Then he said, "On many occasions he came across citizens who were short of funds and he would dig into his pocket to make sure they had food, gas to get to work, or whatever was needed to make life a little easier."

Hodges said most police officers believe if they can help a few people, they have had a good career. "Herb

— See "Sugar Creek Remembers Soule" on page 5



MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

In past messages, I have included some census reports. Analyzing these point us to specific areas we need to focus on.

For example, noting the decrease of population in our city, we have isolated what we believe to be the reasons and have made progress on reversing the direction of our housing trends.

With population changes, city services sometimes need to be adjusted. If we do not have as many occupied homes then we should not need as many stops for our refuse truck.

For our Board of Alderman to more fairly serve our citizens, we may need to look at the distribution of citizens per Ward. For example, if one Ward has lost more population than another Ward, then we may need to make some boundary line adjustments to assure that both Wards have equal representation. The last evaluation may have been over 30 years ago. (In my opinion it should be performed every decade.)

Additionally, looking at a potential increase of children in our community means we should also increase our Parks and Recreation activities for these age groups.

This is not to take away from what we already have, but to be proactive with our trends. I am proud of our cities initiatives to not only analyze these trends, but to take action on our changing needs.

Sugar Creek is going places!

*Thank you,
Mayor Matt Mallinson*



**STICK WITH
US
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PLACES**

ALL RESIDENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

Sugar Creek has received prank phone calls in the past, most of which deal with addresses on Burton Street. It has come to our attention that the people behind this prank plan to start making the calls again in February 2015. These calls typically use soundboard recordings and have threatening and offensive language. If you receive calls like this, please contact the Sugar Creek Police Department at 252-7058. We encourage you to not talk to the caller, just hang up and report what was said.

— City of Sugar Creek Police Department

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

COMMUNITY ARTS PARTNERS– Thank you to the following sponsors for their support during the events in 2014. GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS: Metcalf Bank and Sugar Creek Fair and Festival Board, BRONZE LEVEL SPONSORS: Gunter Construction Company, Bob & Jake Welch, Republic Services, Andrea Welch, Attorney at Law, Morgan Jacobs Contracting, Central Plains Cement Company, Quicksilver Ready Mix, and Talon Concrete & Aggregates. Also thanks goes to these organizations: Moose Lodge, Optimist Club, St. Cyril's Altar & Rosary Society, Sugar Creek Business & Civic Club, and the Sugar Creek Public Works, Sugar Creek City Hall and, Police and Fire Departments.

Without their support these community events would not have been a success, Slavic Festival, July 4th Concert & Fireworks, and the Mayor Tree Lighting.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING– Public Works department will be picking up Christmas trees on January 8 and 9. To recycle your Christmas tree, please make sure all decorating trim is removed from the tree, and place it by the street curb for easy access.

GLASS– Please be careful when setting out glass in your trash, mark the bag or place the broken glass in a separate container.

SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM– In years past it has not been uncommon for residents to experience narrow plowed paths or partially cleaned streets during heavy snow events. If possible, please wait until after the plows have been through your street to shovel your drive, this situation in almost every instance is related to vehicles parked in the street area, and residents placing snow removed from their driveways in public right-of-way. It is not unusual to go through the freeze-thaw cycle for several days, before crews can return to widen the narrow paths to the street's edge. While ordinary passenger vehicles can negotiate these narrow paths, emergency vehicles such as ambulance and fire department equipment were forced to take an alternate route, thus effecting response time to an emergency call. As we all know, response time is critical during an emergency. For this reason the department is asking residents to pay close attention to the weather forecasts for snow and ice events, and avoid, where possible, parking on street areas. This will assist snow removal crews in providing the highest level of snow removal service practical, and possibly avoid any inconvenience during the winter months. Several residents have commented on snow being pushed back into their driveways after snowplows have been through.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Things that citizens can do to help improve snow removal operations are:

1. Make sure to have the proper snow or all weather tires on your vehicle to prevent you from getting stuck.
2. Park off street if possible.
3. Shovel the snow to the right side of the driveway as you face the street. This will lessen the amount of snow at the mouth of the driveway when the snowplow comes by.

— 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 January 13. We will provide soup; 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.

ONCE UPON A TIME PRINCESS BALL– February 7, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Calling all princesses in the land! All girls up to 10 years old are invited to attend the Princess Ball along with their prince or knight. (Father, Grandfather, Uncle, an adult)put on your prettiest ball gown and join us for an afternoon of enchantment and fun. There will be music, dancing, a light lunch, and a special guest will be joining us this year! Space is limited, so be sure to make your reservations early. Cost: \$15.00 per couple, due at the time of reservation. Deadline January 30, 2015. No sales available at the door; Pictures will be available for sale, as well as a Princess Gift store will be available to purchase princess items.

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– 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

City 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.



IMPORTANT CITY OF SUGAR CREEK INFORMATION & NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

CITY ADMINISTRATION

Main number: (816) 252-4400

Mayor

Matt Mallinson..... Ext. 132

City Administrator

Ronald P. MartinovichExt. 131

City Clerk

Jana J. Olivarez-Dickerson..... Ext. 128

City Treasurer/Finance Officer

Linda R. Martinovich..... Ext. 125

Senior Accountant

Marilyn Thomas..... Ext. 142

Accounting

Debra S. Burns..... Ext. 126

Deputy City Clerk

Marilyn Evans..... Ext. 124

Collector

Pat Sagehorn..... Ext. 127

Building Official

Paul Loving..... Ext. 122

Utilities

Cari BeemanExt. 121

Aldermen *(Please leave a message)*

Robert Ray Ext. 133

Stanley J. Sagehorn Ext. 134

Joseph D. Kenney..... Ext. 135

Lorcan Doyle..... Ext. 136

POLICE/FIRE DEPARTMENT

Main number: (816) 252-7058

Direct voice mail number: (816) 521-7923

Chief.....Ext. 223 StevensExt. 273

Captain.....Ext. 227 K. Soule, Jr. Ext. 270

BeemanExt. 263 B. SmithExt. 275

Fire Office.....Ext. 229 Kelsey.....Ext. 271

A. Sammons Ext. 261 Baker.....Ext. 280

R. Greer.....Ext. 258 ThompsonExt. 283

S. SimmonsExt. 264 DossExt. 239

EdwardsExt. 262 S. DutyExt. 281

RussellExt. 253 S. Smith.....Ext. 285

Garcia.....Ext. 254 LoringExt. 251

MyersExt. 256 RichardsonExt. 272

Waterfield.....Ext. 235 DetectiveExt. 225

KlineExt. 225 J. WrabecExt. 252

C. Soule.....Ext. 260 C. WilliamsExt. 286

Casey.....Ext. 274

PUBLIC WORKS

Main number is (816) 252-4413

Public Works Administrative Assistant

Special Events Coordinator

Sue MikulaExt. 302

Public Works Director

Ed LaytonExt. 303

Superintendent of Operations

Bill Mikula.....Ext. 304

PARKS AND RECREATION

Connie Dickinson (816) 252-4400, ext. 137

Mike Onka Building Reservations

Connie Dickinson..... (816) 252-4400, Ext. 137

Maintenance Foreman

Dave Martinovich.....Ext. 305

Mechanic

Gary Mann.....Ext. 307

SUGAR CREEK REMEMBERS SOULE

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helped a lot of people.”

Soule was involved in many organizations, including: Chairman of Board of Directors for the Jackson County Drug Task Force, member of the Executive Board for the creation of Jackson County COMBAT, Part-Time Instructor at the Western Missouri Regional Police Academy, member of the KC Metropolitan Chief’s and Sheriff’s Association, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, American Legion Post 340, Independence Masonic Lodge #76, Ararat Shrine Temple, Sugar Creek Moose Lodge, Metro Squad member and instructor, two years U.S. Army C.I.D. (one year in Viet Nam), Awarded for Heroism in the Line of Duty, and founded the Sugar Creek Police and Fire Explorer Post # 2874.

Tom Phillips, former Jackson County Sheriff and current Executive Director for Public Safety for the Blue Springs School District, knew Soule personally and professionally for many years.

“Herb and I rode together in Sugar Creek’s Fourth of July Parade for many years,” he said.

Phillips said they wanted to show residents that although they were working for different jurisdictions of law enforcement locally, they were working together on law enforcement issues in the area. They in fact became friends years ago and served on many of the same boards. They met at Kross Lounge periodically so Phillips could eat the tenderloin sandwich’s over business.

“It was a pleasure knowing Herb,” said Phillips, adding, “it makes a career last longer having such an enjoyable association.”

Herb was preceded in death by his wife Carolyn in 2004, and brothers Terry and Ron Soule.

He leaves behind brother Kenneth Soule and wife Lisa; four children: daughter Cassie Williams and husband Eddie; son Alan Engle and wife Brenda; son Jim Engle and wife Lori; son Russ Engle and wife Mitzi and his wife Joannette “Jen” Odle, He also has 11 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Surviving Spouse Family Endowment Fund (S.A.F.E.), 3100 Broadway, Suite #226, Kansas City, MO 64111.

Senior Star of the Month

DORIS PUGH



Doris is an amazing 90 year young Senior. She and her husband Bill built the first house on the former Fairmount Park property in an area next to the old dance pavilion. She is mother to 3 daughters and 1 son. Doris is a grandmother and Great grandmother. She maintains a vegetable and flower garden and spends time with friends to stay active and young at heart. Doris was nominated for the Senior Star Award by one of her neighbors.

Congratulations to Doris!

If you know of someone who has done a good job over the age of 80 and should be recognized as a Senior Star of the Month, please submit their informaton to Connie Dickinson, 103 S. Sterling, Sugar Creek, MO 64054

At the library... JANUARY 2015



■ computer classes

Computer Basics– Tuesday, January 6 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, January 13 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, January 20 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.

Social Media Basics– Tuesday, January 27 at 11:00 a.m. What on earth is Social Media and what am I supposed to do with it? Come to this class and find out! Social media can be used for many things: staying in touch with friends and family, promoting your cause, and keeping up with trending topics and news. Join us and see if it is right for you.

■ crafts

Quilting For The People– Saturdays, January 10 and January 31 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, January 9 from 5:00 p.m. until 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– Wednesdays, January 14 and January 28 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, January 17 at 2:00 p.m. Contact us at the library for this month’s Family Film. Admission and refreshments are always free. Join us!

Toddler Time– Every Thursday morning in January at 9:30 a.m. Join us for a stories, songs, occasional crafts and fun for your little ones. Preschool age 3-5 (and parents!) welcome. For more information, call Christy at 816-701-3489.

■ book clubs

After Lunch Book Club– Thursdays, January 8 and January 22 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. Discussions moderated by Christy Tapko.

Fairmount Community Center Book Group– Wednesdays, January 14 and January 28 at 12:15 p.m. Join us at the Fairmount Community Center. Books are provided by the Sugar Creek Branch Library. Discussions moderated by Mary Roberson.

PLEASE NOTE: The Sugar Creek Branch Library will be closed on Thursday, January 1 for New Year’s Day and Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Day

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January 2015 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:

- **OPEN GYM:** 4 to 5:30 p.m. for youth, ages 8-17
- **CLUB WALK:** Monday-Friday, 9 to 10 a.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym
- **TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS:** Bus service to residents, 60 years or older, or Handicapped
- **ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS:** Every Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym. \$5.00/class

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	Christmas Tree Pickup 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission Mtg. - City Hall		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2 12:00 p.m. Community Potluck - Mike Onka Bldg. 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Bldg.	Refuse Route 3	6:00 p.m. Garden Club Mtg. Sugar Creek Gym		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed Delinquent date for utilities	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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 and Fire Bldg.	Refuse Route 3	Post due notification date		