

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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Candy Tompkins Receives COMBAT Award



Long-time Sugar Creek resident Candy Tompkins is the most recent recipient of the COMBAT Neighborhood Advocate Award.

Through her 50 years of residency and employment within Sugar Creek, she has established a strong connection with the community, knowing many of the residents by name.

Tompkins was an advocate for bringing a neighborhood watch group to the Northern and 24 Highway-area where she lives. She helped select the locations for the neighborhood watch signs, particularly where drug activity was occurring. She has also been the reporting party for many types of suspicious activity in her neighborhood.

"I was very surprised!" she said of receiving the honor. "It's a great honor and I was shocked. I don't feel like I did anything anyone else would have done."

She said with the help of the Sugar Creek and Independence Police Departments they were able to shut down the drug sales activity in the area. She was concerned not only for the neighborhood in general, but for the children in the area as well.

"It takes a village to raise a child, you know," said Tompkins, and she did not want the neighborhood children to be exposed to that activity.

She said she watched for three years as the drug activity developed and decided to not be the coward

who dies a thousand deaths.

"I did not want to live in my house afraid."

Today she encourages residents to not be intimidated by the police department, rather to call them.

"I am proud of the Sugar Creek Police and Fire Departments, they are doing a great job!"

She is now willing to help other neighborhoods in Sugar Creek to establish their own Neighborhood Watch Groups.

In addition, she has been employed at O-Reilly Auto Parts for 14 years and operates her own lawn service business, Cutting Edge, which serves many residents of Sugar Creek.



MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Progress happens when like minded good people work together for common goals.

As promised, Sugar Creek is progressing because good people ARE working together for common goals. The betterment of Sugar Creek and our citizens are obtainable goals. Sustainability and improved quality of life for now and the future are also achievable goals.

City Hall has worked together with our Planning and Zoning Board to encourage and culminate a mutually agreeable project with Dollar General to put a store into the old grocery store on the corner of 24 Highway and Northern. Dollar General will use the existing building, making the necessary improvements to bring it up to code and their standards. The parking lot will be re-paved, the brick exterior will be given some attention, and the end result will be a store that our community and that neighborhood will be proud of for years to come.

This type of project does not just happen. City Hall has worked for a long time

on this, never loosing sight of the goal, betterment of Sugar Creek and it's citizens. This is a prime example of what can be done when a community works together. This is progression. Thank you to all involved.

Another project we have been working on for a long time is the improvement of our Sterling Business District. We brought the business and building owners together last year with open discussions of what we should look like. The first step was the flower barrels. Those have proven to be quite enjoyable and are making a talked about splash. We expect this will grow through the entire city in years to come. A common theme that is just plain fun.

Over the last year many of us have taken trips to other communities to see what they have done to build their downtowns. I am very pleased to announce that Sugar Creek and the businesses are now joining the Missouri Main Street organization. This progressive organization has helped over 140 communities, including Liberty, Lee's Summit and Excelsior Springs grow to the thriving communities that they are now.

I am confident this group of like minded good people will work together for the betterment of our entire community.

Just like the sign taped to a window of an empty building that reads "What would you like to see in this building?", I ask you, the like minded good people of Sugar Creek, "What would you like to see in Sugar Creek?"

As a reminder, I have invited many groups of residents to my office to discuss this same question. I have lists from each group and many of the responses overlap. Please e-mail or call me with your suggestions and I will add them to the lists. Once compiled, we will work with the businesses and Missouri Main Street to determine a progressive plan. Missouri Main Street can help us determine which business's could be successful based on extensive demographic studies and what has worked in other similar communities.

Better quality of life. More jobs. Empty buildings being filled. Planning directions for the future. Sugar Creek is going places!

Thank you,

Mayor Matt Mallinson

The Citizen Civic Relief is Needing YOUR Donations!

Sugar Creek's Citizen Civic Relief Commission is in need of donations.

The CCRC provides food as well as utility assistance to those in need in the City of Sugar Creek.

"Currently, our funds are very low, which makes it challenging to gear up for the holidays," said Deb Merrick, director/administrator/secretary of CCRC. The 501 C3 organization helps ensure that those in need can have Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals for their families.

"The challenge lies in being able to start passing out those holiday meals the last part of November to those who can't come until the end of the month and would otherwise get their holiday meal AFTER the holiday is over," said Merrick.

"We are happy to accept non-perishable foodstuffs, financial contributions, and/or memorial donations at any time of year," added Merrick. "Some people prefer to give money and some prefer to give 'stuff.' Either is fine. Need knows no season and we appreciate anything and everything everyone chooses to give us. No donation is too small."

Currently the CCRC's space, located at 613 N. Sterling, is donated by the Mayor, and the

organization pays its own utilities. It offers shelf-stable foodstuffs, frozen meat and bread, and some basic sundries to needy families in Sugar Creek. Each household it serves is allowed to come in only once every 30 days for assistance.

Last year the CCRC was able to provide Thanksgiving turkeys and Christmas hams with all the trimmings (sweet potatoes, stuff-

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Deb Merrick, CCRC Director/Administrator/Secretary

ing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, bread or rolls) and a dessert to approximately 30 households. This year it looks to provide holiday meals for approximately 40 households. This means 40 10-14 pound turkeys, 40 5-7 pound hams, 80 frozen pies, and 80 of each side dish.

Sundries the organization keeps in stock include laundry soap, dish soap, bath soap, toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Occasionally deodorant, paper towels, & facial tissue are donated.

If anyone is interested in knowing what CCRC buys, where it buys it and how much it spends on any item offered, CCRC officials will gladly share that information.

"We all like to get the biggest bang for our hard earned dollars and I know charitable givers are no exception," said Merrick.

The group is staffed by volunteers from the community - mostly from the United Methodist Church, Moose Lodge No. 10, Women of the Moose No.1094, and The Optimist Club.

Those interested in making a donation to CCRC can come in during their operating hours of Tuesday or Thursday afternoons 2-3:30 p.m., or call Merrick to arrange a drop-off, 816-896-7046. The mailing address is: 103 S. Sterling Ave, Sugar Creek, MO 64054. Also, donation envelopes are available at City Hall, the food pantry and the Moose Lodge.

Financial donations can be earmarked for a particular expense (holiday foods, groceries, sundries, utilities) if that's what the donor wants but it is not required. We are frugal with our finances and try to get the best and most reasonably priced deals possible when shopping.

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.

YARD WASTE– 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.

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 YARDWASTE COLLECTION: Yardwaste MUST be set out by 7 a.m. on Thursday. It generally takes our crews 2 working days to collect all yardwaste.

- November 5, 12, and 19
- December 3rd and 17th
- Christmas Tree pickup - January 7

SHARE YOUR TREASURED MEMORIES– 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.

The price for a 4”x8” brick is \$75.00.

For more information, please contact Sue Mikula at 816-252-4413 ext. 302, or pick up a brochure at either the Public Works or City Hall buildings.

— Sue Mikula, Public Works Administrative Assistant

Parks & Recreation

COMMUNITY POTLUCK– The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Community Potluck on November 10; We will provide baked turkey; please bring a side dish or desert. The potluck will be held at Mike Onka Hall, and lunch will begin at 12:00 pm.

BOB ROSS OIL PAINTING CLASSES– Next class will be held November 21. 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.

NEW DINNER THEATER– December 19, 2015. \$40.00 per person, price includes transportation, lunch, and production. We have limited amount of reserved seats you must pre register for this.

YOUTH OF THE MONTH– Open to all youth residents of Sugar Creek ages kindergarten-18. Nomination forms can be picked up at City Hall.

FALL CRAFT AND VENDORS FAIR– This event will be held at the Sugar Creek Gym, 11232 Chicago, on November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a craft item and would like to sell your products, contact the Parks and Recreation Department for more information. This will be a great way to start your Christmas shopping!

MAYORS TREE LIGHTING– Saturday December 5, 2015. Festivities start at 5:30 p.m. For decades, the Christmas tree and Holiday decorations have stood as a holiday beacon. From the beginning, the Tree was a gathering place and reflection of what was happening in the world around it. This year the City would like to invite you to come be a part of the annual tree lighting. The Mayor will turn the switch at 6:00 p.m. The Tree will be displayed at Well’s Park, Sterling and Gill Streets. The children will have a chance to visit with Santa and receive a special gift, hot dogs, drinks, wagon rides, music, will be provided. What a great way to start the holiday Season with family and friends!

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Holiday Boutique

An Enchanted Shopping Experience!

SHOP ‘TIL YOU DROP

Featuring fashions, jewelry, gourmet foods, gift items and holiday décor, the Holiday Boutique at the Overland Park Convention Center is one of the best shopping events of the season in the KC area. Let us drop you off at the front doors of the center, give you plenty of time to find those special items for the season, and help you load everything up. You’ll also enjoy the Enchanted Forest and get ideas for decorating your own wreath & tree.

We will have Dinner at Stroud’s Restaurant.(included)

COUNTRY GIRL NIGHT - SHOP IT FOR ME

New for 2015 will be *Country Girl Night - Shop it for me* A festive atmosphere, county music, door prizes.

Date: Saturday November 21., 2015

This will be an evening event

Price: \$30.00 per person

Limited space available reserve before November 13th, 2015

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Sugar Creek Parks and Recreation

Fall

Country Craft Show and Vendors fair



Saturday, November 14th, 2015

9am to 3pm

**Sugar Creek Gym
11232 Chicago**

Booth space still available !



*For information contact
Parks and Recreation*

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NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Life of Cowan Remembered

Katherine Cowan (Hibler) passed into eternal life September 22nd, 2015. She was born in Salisbury, Missouri June 7th, 1936 to Joseph and Bessie Hibler. Katherine was joined in marriage to John (Jack) Junior Cowan February 24th, 1951. Together they shared a joyous 50 years and to this union two children were born Jackie Leroy and Jimmy Eugene.

Katherine spent much of her youth living in Lowry City, Missouri with her six siblings where her spunk and enthusiasm for life radiated vibrantly. She moved to Sugar Creek, Missouri with her husband where she was a devoted and loving mother to her two children.

Katherine's passion for life became evident as she joined many organizations that allowed her to make friends across the nation. Katherine spent her vacations visiting friends and family across the U.S. She was a loving, caring grandmother who took the time to enjoy her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She often took the time to talk with them, walk with them, play with them and instill her zeal for life, family and friends in them.

In her later years, she became a devout Christian and was baptized at Full Gospel Assembly in Fairmount, Missouri. She spent much of her time volunteering for the benefit of the church and congregation that she loved.

Katherine was preceded in death by her parents: Joseph and Bessie Hibler, her brothers: Joe Hibler, Frank Hibler, and Don Hibler, her sisters: Ruby Griffin and Gladys Womack, her husband: Jack of 50 years and one grandchild: Jackie Eugene Cowan. She is survived by her brother: Gail (Cheryl) Hibler of Odessa, MO, by her children: Jack (Terri) Cowan of Grain Valley, MO and Jim (Diane)Cowan of Sugar Creek, MO; her grandchildren: Christy (James) Wisemore of Oak Grove, MO; Laura (Greg) Montgomery of Higginsville, MO, Michael Cowan of Sugar Creek, MO, Jessica (Jerry) Dines of Appleton City, MO, her great-grandchildren: Megan, Ashley, James, Johnathan, Genesis, Cody, Tyler, Ezekiel, Wade, Jody Mae, and Jora.



At the library... NOVEMBER 2015

computer classes

Computer Basics– Tuesday, November 3 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, November 10 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, November 17 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.

Google Docs– Tuesday, November 24 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, November 7 and November 21 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.

teen activities

Teen Creek After Hours– Friday, November 6 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 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!

book clubs

After Lunch Book Club– Thursday, November 12 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– Wednesday, November 25 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.

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday and Saturday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday..... Closed

ST. CYRIL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CHILI SUPPER

11231 Chicago Street, Sugar Creek, MO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015

3:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Donations: \$7.00 Adults

\$4.00 Children (under 12)

Price includes dessert and drink

Carry out prices:

32 oz chili only\$10.00

12 oz chili only \$5.00

dessert \$2.00

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SUGAR CREEK

November 2015 Calendar

City Hall Offices
Public Works
Parks & Recreation

252-4400
252-4413
252-4400, ext. 137
www.sugar-creek.mo.us/City_News.html

Police or Fire Emergencies
Non Emergencies
911
252-7058

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 Refuse Route 1	2 Refuse Route 1	3 Refuse Route 2	4 Refuse Route 3	5 Yardwaste Pickup	6	7 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Muu Muu Mama's Fall Event Onka Building
8 Refuse Route 1	9 Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	10 Refuse Route 2 Community Podluck 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Bldg.	11 VETERAN'S DAY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	12 Refuse Route 3 Yardwaste Pickup	13	9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. Craft Fair - Sugar Creek Gym
15 Refuse Route 1	16 Refuse Route 1	17 Refuse Route 2	18 Refuse Route 3	19 Yardwaste Pickup	20	2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Parks & Recreation Department Holiday Boutique Trip
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29 Refuse Route 1	30 Refuse Route 1	31 Refuse Route 2	12/01 Refuse Route 3			

Past due notification date

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
St. Cyril's Chili Supper

Delinquent date for utilities

BE SURE TO REMEMBER...

CLUB WALK: Monday-Friday, 9-10 a.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym
ZUMBA CLASS: Every Mon. & Wed., 6-7 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym - \$5.00/class
TAI CHI CLASSES: Every Monday, 10-11 a.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym - FREE