

# Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

Newsletter for Sugar Creek, Missouri • April 2016

**Sweet Talk** is published monthly by the office of the City Clerk of Sugar Creek, MO at 103 South Sterling, Sugar Creek, MO 64054. For more information call Jana Olivarez-Dickerson at 252-4400, ext. 1128 or visit Sugar Creek on the web at [www.sugar-creek.mo.us](http://www.sugar-creek.mo.us)

## **SUGAR CREEK ELECTED OFFICIALS**

### **Mayor**

Matt Mallinson

### **Aldermen**

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

### **City Administrator**

Ron Martinovich

### **City Clerk**

Jana Olivarez-Dickerson

### **City Marshal**

Christopher Soule

### **Fire Chief**

Patrick Casey

### **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

## Options Make Recycling Easy For Residents

Sugar Creek, one of the first communities to offer curbside recycling to residents, has recently started taking those recycled materials to Midwest Shredding, which has a material recovery facility (MRF) for sorting items for processing.

Curbside recycling was reintroduced in June 2015, after difficulties with equipment were solved. For about a year prior to that residents had to drop off all their recyclables at a designated location.

Citywide, participation in curbside recycling in Sugar Creek is about 12 percent, for a monthly average of 2.5 tons. Per person, the national average is 1.5 pounds per day.

Sugar Creek does a single-stream, or co-mingled, collection. This allows for all recycled material to be collected in a single bin curbside and separated for reuse at an MRF. Sugar Creek accepts plastics, cardboard, paper, tin cans, aluminum cans, newspapers and magazines for recycling.

Residents who need to bring other items to the landfill themselves must get a date-specific permit. Permits can be obtained by presenting a Sugar Creek utility bill to the Public Works department. The bill must be current and up-to-date. Residents will also be asked who is transporting the materials, what type of materials will be presented and how many loads will be taken to the landfill.

Recycling bins are available at the Public Works office, 11104 Lake St., between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. To discourage theft, it is recommended that residents put their address on their bin.

Recycling bins must be at curb-



side by 7 a.m. along with regular refuse.

Items to recycle include: Plastic (including milk, water and juice jugs) that are uncolored HDPE Code No. 2 that are rinsed and flattened, clear No. 1 plastic soda and food containers, Colored HDPE plastic Nos. 1-7 where the neck is smaller than the body of the container (including detergent, bleach, some shampoo, vegetables and yogurt containers that are rinsed), metal and aluminum cans and lids that are rinsed, flattened boxes, paper bags, shredded paper, newspapers, magazines, junk mail, office and school paper, catalogs, flyers, chip and paper board, telephone books, egg cartons, cereal boxes (without the plastic bags).

When placing recycling items in bins, please remember to not place

any trash into the bins. Household waste, animal waste, and glass are not recyclable at the curbside. Other unacceptable items are: needles or syringes, hazardous or biohazard waste, PVC foam cups, drinking glasses, plate glass, glass, mirrors, broken glass, motor oil, foam packing material, tempered glass, ceramics and all other non-recyclable items.

Antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, car batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, and paint can be recycled at the Household Hazardous Waste facility in Kansas City, Mo.

As always, the drop off of recyclables is still available for residents at the bins at Kentucky Ave. and Rick Sutcliff Dr.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 252-4413.



# MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Setting: A very windy Sunday afternoon, 6th of March, North River Blvd. Sugar Creek. Two men working in their vineyard when they heard emergency vehicles approaching from all four directions. They look up and see smoke, lots of it, from about 5 houses to their north. White like clouds, then black smoke, followed by leaping flames. They had the sickening feeling in their stomachs, the feeling of concern for their neighbors and the neighborhood. Seeing the emergency vehicles arriving, they checked the direction of the wind. Blowing from the south with a northern direction. Their concerns for their buildings and vines were relieved a bit, but this was a raging structure fire, winds can turn. To the south is a rather heavily wooded area immediately next to the fire that could easily catch on fire and put tens if not hundreds of houses at risk. The flame and anxiety levels were high. Those two vineyard workers were my son-in-law John Loges and myself.

From safe distances many nervous

neighbors watched with relief as fire truck after fire truck arrived and deployed the necessary equipment. Firefighters in full gear rolled out of the trucks and seemingly took control of the rapidly spreading flames. The initial 911 call had originated in Independence and Sugar Creek Police and Fire had been notified. Both jurisdictions worked like a well run assembly line to knock down and contain the potentially devastating fire. The flames had taken on a life of their own and with the help of the wind were seeking places to spread. The next several hours were spent not only containing this fire, but with firefighters walking through the woods and yards putting out the hot spots. This was a fire that could have turned much worse. Our city heroes were focused, determined, and successful. They rolled up their hoses, picked up their

rakes, bars, poles and other tools, smiled, and went back to their station to be prepared for the next emergency. The fire was the building behind the home, tucked into the tree line. It was a total loss.

I am proud to be Mayor of Sugar Creek. I am proud of our well trained emergency personnel. I am proud that we have been able to provide the new fire truck. I am proud of our positive relationship with surrounding cities. I am proud of how Sugar Creek is progressing. Casualties

from the fire? Our Fire Chief's tennis shoes and box of ice cream bars. He was on his way home from the grocery store when the alarm was sounded. To Patrick Casey, the alarm means "come as you are, and come now!"

Sugar Creek is going places.

*Thank you,  
Mayor Matt Mallinson*



Have you ever thought about being a volunteer? Doing something that made you feel like you were making a difference, or some way you could give back to your community?

The Sugar Creek Optimist Club was formed in 1966. We are a volunteer, non-profit organization that focuses on our youth and community. We meet every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. in our hall at 11600 East 24 Highway, Sugar Creek, MO. We are wanting to increase our membership. We are looking for members who would be active, attend meetings, and participate in programs and fundraisers. There are no restrictions on how many or which ones you attend, this is a volunteer organization.

We are a very active and effective group of volunteers, the Sugar Creek Optimist Club serving the Independence and Sugar Creek community over the years. Our purpose, bringing out the best in kids. You may wonder, what does our club do? For many years, we have given dictionaries to 3rd grade students at local elementary schools, and 4th grade students in the Fort Osage School Districts, we

# Volunteers Needed



honor students with the Youth Appreciation Program, provide 4 scholarships a year, sponsor students to the Missouri Leadership Seminar, Easter candy toss, bicycle safety workshop, safety ID kits for kids, provide breakfast with Santa, adopt 20-30 local families at Christmas, providing food for the family, a gift and stocking stuffed full of goodies for the children. We volunteer to help at Harvesters and make a yearly contribution. We also do a Respect for Law program, honoring first responders, police officers and firefighters. There are many other projects too numerous to mention. Our fundraisers are selling fireworks, weekly bingo in Grandview and bingo at Santa-Cali-Gon.

Our Optimist Club is part of Optimist International, a much larger organization that provides service to kids all over the world. The clubs, clubs just like ours, located in many countries.

So how about it? Give something back and come join the Sugar Creek Optimist Club. Attend a meeting, ask questions and get involved. You can leave a message on our hall phone, 254-2066.

# NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

## Public Works

**YARD WASTE COLLECTION**– Yard waste pickup will resume on April 7, 2016 and continue weekly through October.

To use this collection, place yard waste out by 7:00 a.m. on Thursday mornings, but no more than 24 hours before. Limbs and twigs should be cut in 4-foot sections and tied into bundles with string or twine, NO WIRE. If placing in a container, the container cannot be over 65 lb. You can also use the paper bags that can be purchased at most hardware stores. Collection normally takes 1-½ working days to finish the entire City depending on the amount of yard waste to collect. Yardwaste must be placed on the curb by 7:00 a.m. Thursday.

**LARGE ITEM PICKUP**– The spring large item pickup up will begin Monday, April 18, 2016.

**LANDFILL PERMITS**– Please bring your Sugar Creek utility bill to the Public Works when obtaining a permit. The bill must be current and up to date. Permits are date specific. Additional information that is needed, who will be transporting materials, what type of materials and how many loads will be taken to the landfill.

**REMOVAL OF REFUSE**– According to Sugar Creek Code “Section 14-25 Prohibited practices”

(a) Generally, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

(6) To place, or permit to be placed, any solid waste container in a place where it can be seen from the public right-of-way, except when it is set out for pickup, but in such case no sooner than sunset on the day before pickup and no later than sunrise the day after pickup

**SUMMER JOBS AVAILABLE**– The City of Sugar Creek Public Works Department is accepting applications for the position of part-time laborer; minimum age of 16. The position is for a period of 13 weeks. Applications are accepted at Sugar Creek City Hall until April 15, 2016 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

— Sue Mikula, Public Works Administrative Assistant

## Parks & Recreation

**COMMUNITY POTLUCK**– The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its monthly Community Potluck on April 12; We will provide Honey Baked Ham; 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 May 19. 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**– June 18, 2016. \$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 K-18. Nomination forms can be picked up at City Hall.

**CLUB WALK**– Club Walk is held at the Sugar Creek gym, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For those interested in walking to stay in shape, 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.

**ZUMBA CLASS**– Held Monday and Wednesday, 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. Certified licensed instructor Krystal Thompson, krystalthompson300@msn.com.

**PITCH, HIT, RUN**– This event will be held April 8, at Roper Stadium. Start time will be 5:30 p.m.

**CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES**– This is a FREE event to participate in. You will not need to have a special permit for the Citywide Garage Sale held April 15 and April 16. You will be responsible for your own advertising. The city will place an ad in the local newspaper and in the City's Sweet Talk newsletter, on the City website, and on Facebook. Any advertising you do must not be placed on any utility pole in the city limits of Sugar Creek; this is against city ordinance. Signage must be placed on private property only and must be removed at the end of the sale on April 16. Sale hours shall be from 8:00a.m. to 7:00p.m.

**DAYTRIP TO JAMESPORT, MO**– Join us for a day out to visit and take a tour of Jamesport, MO on April 1! During our visit we will make stops at the Bakery, Fabric Barn, General Store. We will have a lunch buffet at the Gingrich Dutch Pantry. \$25.00 per person; Price includes transportation, lunch, and stops at local merchants. Pre-register before March 25. Limited availability.

**GARDEN CLUB**– Next meeting will be April 21. The meeting will be held at Sugar Creek Gym at 6:00 p.m. Call for more information.

**SUGAR CREEK HARVEST MARKET**– The Sugar Creek Harvest Market will operate Thursdays from March through October, 2016. The market will be held at 606 N. Sterling lot. Hours will be 7am-11am & 4pm-7pm and is open to the general public. Vendors are required to have a permit to set up a booth. This consists of a 10' x 10' space. Contact Connie Dickinson for booth permit.

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

*Parks will open the first weekend in April. Reservations can be made for the 2016 season by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department.*



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

# City-Wide Garage Sale



*April 15 and 16, 2016*

- Sugar Creek Gym, 11232 Chicago, will host an indoor booth sale
- Mallinson Vineyard, 3029 N. River Blvd., will host a sale for the Business and Civic club
- The hours of the Sales shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Please watch for signs for area resident sales

*For information, contact Connie Dickinson, Sugar Creek Parks and Recreation, at 816-252-4400 ext. 1137. E-mail: [cdickinson@sugar-creek.mo.us](mailto:cdickinson@sugar-creek.mo.us)*

# NEIGHBORLY NEWS

## Life of Burns Remembered

Debi Burns, 65 years old, passed away on March 7, 2016, at her home in Independence, Mo.

She was an employee of the City of Sugar Creek for 34 years and a proud resident of Sugar Creek for 30 years. She was married to her husband and best friend Emory Burns (Robert) for 42 years; the proud mother of 2 children, and Nana to her 2 grandchildren. She also had 2 brothers.

She was preceded in death by her mother and grandparents.

## Waterman Will Be Missed

Carl Waterman Jr., 66, of Sugar Creek, Mo., passed away Saturday, March 5, 2016.

A memorial service was held March 12, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Independence, Mo.

## Gardner Will Be Missed

George C. Gardner, 76, Lee's Summit, Mo., died Feb. 20, 2016.

George was employed with the City of Sugar Creek from 1994-2003 as the City Building Official.

Visitation and Mass were held February 23 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, in Lee's Summit, Mo.

## Life of Maxon Remembered

Susan Maxon, 62, Sugar Creek, Mo., died Nov. 10, 2015. Visitation and memorial service were held November 15, at Carson Speaks Chapel.



## At the library... APRIL 2016

### computer classes

**Computer Basics**— Tuesday, April 5 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, April 12 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.

**Computer Basics**— Tuesday, April 19 at 11:00 a.m. Learn more about getting around on your computer in this class, which offers insights into hardware and software components.

**Facebook Basics**— Tuesday, April 26 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**— Saturday, April 9 and Saturday, April 23 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.

### book clubs

**After Lunch Book Club**— Thursday, April 14 and Thursday, April 28 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, April 27 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**

# SLAVIC FESTIVAL JUNE 10 & 11, 2016

**FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 31ST ANNIVERSARY:** The Sugar Creek Slavic festival is gearing up for the 31st annual event on June 10 and 11. The 2016 Festival is excited to welcome back Grammy nominated Alex Meixner to headline the event with high-energy performances of traditional and contemporary Slavic classics and polka with a twist. For more information about the Slavic Festival visit [slavicfest.com](http://slavicfest.com)

**DANCE PRACTICE:** Dance practice for the Sugar Creek Ethnic Dance Troupe and Kolo Kids will begin on Monday, May 2 at the Sugar Creek Gym. Practice for children ages 3 and up be from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and the adult practice for both men and women will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. No experience is necessary and it's a great chance to have some fun while getting a good workout. To sign up or to receive more dance information please visit [slavicfest.com/participate](http://slavicfest.com/participate) or contact Debbie Ray at (816) 461-4877.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** Get involved in your community by volunteering to work at this year's Slavic festival. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and give back to our city. To volunteer, please contact Debbie Ray at (816) 461-4877, or visit [slavicfest.com/participate](http://slavicfest.com/participate) to register.

# KNOW A GOOD KID?

**Then why not nominate them  
for Youth of the Month?**

Open to all youth residents of Sugar Creek ages K-18.

Nomination forms can be picked up at Sugar Creek City Hall.



# Sweet Talk

## April 2016 Calendar

City Hall Offices  
Public Works  
Parks & Recreation

252-4400  
252-4413  
252-4400, ext. 1137

Police or Fire Emergencies  
Non Emergencies  
[www.sugar-creek.mo.us/City\\_News.html](http://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-Friday, 9-10:00 a.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym  
**ZUMBA CLASS:** Every Mon. & Wed., 6-7 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym - \$5.00/class

Day	1	2
	3	4
	5	6
	7	8
	9	
	10	11
	12	13
	14	15
	16	
	17	18
	19	20
	21	22
	23	
	24	25
	26	27
	28	29
	30	

Day trip to Jamesport, MO

5:30 p.m. Pitch, Hit, Run  
Roper Stadium

**CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE**

6:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

5:30 p.m. Municipal Court  
Police and Fire Building

7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning  
Commission Mtg. - City Hall

Refuse Route 1  
Large Item Pickup

6:00 p.m. Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board Mtg. - City Hall

6:00 p.m. Garden Club Meeting  
Sugar Creek Gym

*Delinquent date for utilities*

6:00 p.m. Municipal Court  
Police and Fire Building

*Past due notification date*

6:30 p.m. Study Session  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

5:30 p.m. Municipal Court  
Police and Fire Building