

# 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 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

## Make Plans To Attend Community Meeting



Please mark your calendars to attend the Community Meeting on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mike Onka Memorial Building 11520 Putnam, Sugar Creek, MO 64054.

The Community Meeting will announce the award of the Affiliate Grant to the Sugar Creek community along with sharing the power of Main Street.

Main Street is a template for economic development with a historic preservation emphasis. Main Street is a comprehensive approach to downtown revitalization of older, traditional business districts used by over 2,000 communities nationwide.

We will divide up after the presentation into the

4-Points of Main Street to brainstorm on ideas and thoughts about downtown Sugar Creek. These ideas will help create a foundation for the action. Please be prepared to share your visions for Sterling with your community, all ideas will be helpful in determining how we move forward with this project.

After the Community Meeting, we will spend the next 20 months starting the Main Street organization, recruiting volunteers, developing priorities identified at the Community Meeting, crafting action plans and start implementing change.

For questions, please contact City Hall at (816) 252-4400. Looking forward to seeing you on the 18th!





# MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

There have been some questions recently on how new ordinances are created in the City of Sugar Creek.

The procedure is the

following:

- When a citizen, Alderman, department head or anyone else sees or hears about an issue with one of our existing ordinances, something that might need to be changed, or a new issue that needs to be addressed, they may bring it to City Hall. This can be done during a City Council Meeting, e-mail, phone call, or a personal visit.

- City Hall will determine which department needs to process the discussion. For example, a zoning issue would be brought before the zoning board for open discussion.

- If that board deems it relevant to continue, they will set a public hearing for the topic. This generally will appear in the Sweet Talk, the Independence Examiner and/or on the city's web site.

- After the public hearing, the Zoning Board will discuss and investigate further.



This can often require several meetings until they are comfortable with recommending a new ordinance.

- The board then presents its suggestions to our City Board, where another public hearing is set for new discovery. Once finished, the department head will present and recommend with the input of our city attorney.

- After all discussion and input is finished, the City Alderman vote on the new ordinance. Whereas this can be a long process, it is often necessary to allow for public and professional input. Our goal as a city is to create ordinances that protect

public safety, encourage growth and make our city a better place to live.

This is a City that values the input of each and every resident. Please become involved not only in the process of creating ordinances, but also in many of Sugar Creek's upcoming community growth programs such as Missouri Main Street and our Harvest Market.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact me or your elected Alderman. This is how we can all make sure that...Sugar Creek is going places!

*Thank you,*

*Mayor Matt Mallinson*



*"Go Sugar Creek" a grassroots volunteer organization is working to improve our community. Sugar Creek residents and business owners are encouraged to join our group. For more information, contact Bill Haman at 816-254-8935.*

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:** This program is open to homeowners in Sugar Creek. If you have home exterior maintenance, handicap access or general cleanup problems and do not have the resources to complete repairs and meet some income restrictions you may qualify for assistance from Go Sugar Creek. Applications for assistance can be obtained at the Sugar Creek police station. Requests for help will be evaluated to determine if the homeowner qualifies for this program. The necessary repairs will be completed by volunteers from the organization free of charge or on a cost share basis.

**COMMUNITY GARDEN 2016:** We are presently accepting gardeners to fill the 2016 community garden across the street from city hall. The 2015 garden was a complete success and we hope to "grow" this community project. Last year's garden was completely full. We are attempting to add additional raised beds again this year. For more information contact Sandy at 816-461-3528.

# NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

## Public Works

**YARD WASTE REMINDER**– Thursday yard waste procedures:

- Set out yard waste by 7:00 a.m. on Thursday's
- Place items in containers.
- Containers can not be over 65 Lbs.
- Cut, tie, and bundle all brush.
- Do not use wire to tie brush.
- Use Kraft bags - NO PLASTIC BAGS.

**REMEMBER...**Regular household refuse cannot be included in yard waste pickup. If regular solid waste is detected in yard waste collection, it will not be picked up.

**FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT**– A reminder to all residents that water meters can NOT be turned on by homeowner or a contractors. If you need to have the meter turned off for repairs please contact city hall. Public works will receive a work order from city hall to contact homeowner. Thank you for your cooperation.

**RAIN BARRELS:** A rain barrel is a container that collects and stores rainwater from downspouts and rooftops for future use watering lawns and gardens. Generally a rain barrel is made using a 55-gallon drum, a vinyl garden hose, PVC couplings, a screen grate to remove debris and keep insects out, and other materials found at most hardware stores.

Rain barrels can be constructed in a number of ways, but they all serve the same purpose — to collect rainwater and decrease the amount of stormwater runoff that leaves your property. Using rain barrels is one way to decrease your household's impact on local waterways and to become a good steward of the local watershed.

**Why use rain barrels?** They irrigate your lawn and garden! During the summer months it is estimated that nearly 40 percent of household water is used for lawn and garden maintenance. A rain barrel collects water and stores it for those times that you need it most — during the dry summer months. Using rain barrels potentially helps homeowners lower water bills, while also improving the vitality of plants, flowers, trees, and lawns.

**SUMMER JOBS AVAILABLE**– The City of Sugar Creek Public Works Department is accepting applications for the position of part-time laborer; minimum age of 18 at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. The position is for a period of 13 weeks. Applications are accepted at Sugar Creek City Hall 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 annual Community Potluck on May 10; We will provide Seasoned Hamburger for Taco Salad; please bring a side dish or desert. The potluck will be held at Mike Onka Hall, and lunch will begin at 12:00 pm.

**PICNIC IN THE PARK**– We will hold this annual event June 14 at the Harrison Park Shelter House. Cost is \$5.00 per person. We will provide lunch and entertainment from the Blue Moon Trio. Please pre-register for this event by May 3.

**FOURTH OF JULY PARADE**– The parade will take place on Monday, July 4. Start time will be 11:00 a.m. at Sterling and 24 Hwy., and will end at Mike Onka Parking Lot. If you would like to participate, please contact Connie Dickinson to register. Categories for the parade will be: Auto, Youth, Commercial, Non commercial, Marching,

Judges Special, Family.

**BOB ROSS OIL PAINTING CLASSES**– Next class will be held May 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. These classes will be every other month on the third Saturday.

**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 event.

**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.

**GARDEN CLUB**– We will hold our next meeting May 19. The meeting will be held at Sugar Creek Gym at 6:00 p.m. We will have a guest speaker.

**STARLIGHT THEATER & DINNER ON THE TOWN**– We will have tickets for Friday, May 20, for the production of *Once* and Friday, May 27, for the production of *Matilda the Musical*. Cost: \$8.00 per person, which includes transportation and ticket to show. Dinner will be on your own. Limited Tickets available.

**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 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Harvest Market is open to the general public. Vendor's 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

## Police Department

**CHIEF'S CHAT**– The Sugar Creek Police Department would like to congratulate the following officers for being awarded the officer of the month award. January Officer of the Month Jamie Welsh, February Officer of the Month Molly Brackeen, and March Officer of the Month Amanda Akers.

I would like to thank all of the officers who work hard every day to keep our community a safe place to live and raise a family.

### MARCH CRIME STATS:

Assaults.....	5
Burglary.....	5
Disturbance .....	14
Fraud .....	3
Larceny .....	6
Drug charges .....	14
Destruction of property and/or vandalism.....	7
Missing persons/runaway .....	2

— Christopher Soule, Sugar Creek Police Chief

# SLAVIC FESTIVAL

## JUNE 10 & 11, 2016

### SLAVIC FESTIVAL CONTINUES TO CELEBRATE HISTORICAL ROOTS

The Sugar Creek Slavic festival is preparing for its 31st annual event on June 10 and 11. The Slavic festival will continue to celebrate Slavic traditions featuring the Grammy-nominated Alex Meixner. Alex returns this year to headline the event with high-energy performances of traditional and contemporary Slavic classics and polka. Musical appearances will also be made by the Sugar Creek Kolo Kids, Ethnic Dance Troupe Tamburitzans, village musicians and more. The financial success of the festival has made a major impact on Sugar Creek with close to \$200,000 donated to community projects over the years by the Slavic festival's fair & festival Board. It's an effort aided by sponsorships from businesses and individuals as part of the Community Arts program. For more information visit [www.slavicfest.com](http://www.slavicfest.com)

### KIELBASA KING

Do you have what it takes to be crowned champion of the Sugar Creek Slavic festival's Sausage Eating Contest? Sign-up to participate in this year's challenge which will be held Friday night, June 10th. Winners will receive royal recognition and a fabulous prize package! Visit [slavicfest.com/participate](http://slavicfest.com/participate) to enter.

### 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 to 7:30 p.m. and the adult practice for both men and women will be from 7:30 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 information, please visit [slavicfest.com/participate](http://slavicfest.com/participate) or contact Debbie Ray at (816) 461-4877.

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

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 go online and visit [slavicfest.com/participate](http://slavicfest.com/participate) to register.

**SUGAR CREEK**



**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**EXCHANGE ZONE**

**THIS AREA UNDER 24 HOUR VIDEO SURVEILLANCE**




## Police Set Up A Safe Spot To Meet

The Sugar Creek Police Department has established a Safe Exchange Zone for those citizens using Craigslist and Facebook swap and shop. The zone is located at the Sugar Creek Police station in the visitor parking and is monitored by 24 hour video surveillance. Please feel welcome to utilize the exchange zone when buying or selling to unknown subjects through the internet.

**Sugar Creek MISSOURI**

# SUMMER JOBS

The City of Sugar Creek public works department is accepting applications for the position of part-time laborer; at a rate of \$8.00 per hour. Minimum of 16 years old. The position is for a period of 13 weeks.

Applications are accepted at  
Sugar Creek City Hall between the hours of  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL  
PUBLIC WORKS 816-252-4413




## At the library...

MAY 2016

- computer classes**

**Computer Basics**– Tuesday, May 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, May 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, May 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.

**Computer Basics**– Tuesday, May 24 at 11:00 a.m. Learn more about getting around on your computer in this class, which offers insights into hardware and software components.

**Google Docs**– Tuesday, May 31 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**– Saturday, May 7 and Saturday, May 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.
- book clubs**

**After Lunch Book Club**– Thursday, May 12 and Thursday, May 26 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, May 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.
- activities**

**Kansas City Blues Program**– Tuesday, May 17 at 5:00 p.m. Join The Kansas City Blues Society for a fun educational look at historical information about blues music, where is originated and what makes in unique, the different forms of blues music and what makes the Kansas City sound so unique. Program is open to All ages. For more Information contact the Sugar Creek Library at 701-3489.

**PLEASE NOTE: The Sugar Creek Branch Library will be closed Monday, May 30 for the Memorial Day holiday.**

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## May 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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	Yardwaste Pickup		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	Refuse Route 2 <b>Community Potluck</b> <b>Mike Onka Hall</b> 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Building	Refuse Route 3	Yardwaste Pickup 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission Mtg. - City Hall		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Refuse Route 1	Refuse Route 2 <i>Delinquent date for utilities</i>	Refuse Route 3 6:30 p.m. Community Mtg. Missouri Main Street <b>Mike Onka Building</b>	Yardwaste Pickup 6:00 p.m. Garden Club Meeting Sugar Creek Gym		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Refuse Route 1 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting	Refuse Route 2	Refuse Route 3	Yardwaste Pickup	<i>Past due notification date</i>	
29	30	31				
	<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <i>City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed</i>	Refuse Route 1				

**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