

# 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

## Cooper Chosen For Civic Leadership Award

The City of Sugar Creek honors Jim Cooper, as its recipient of the 2016 Missouri Municipal League West Gate Division's Civic Leadership Award. He is being recognized for his years of service to the City of Sugar Creek.

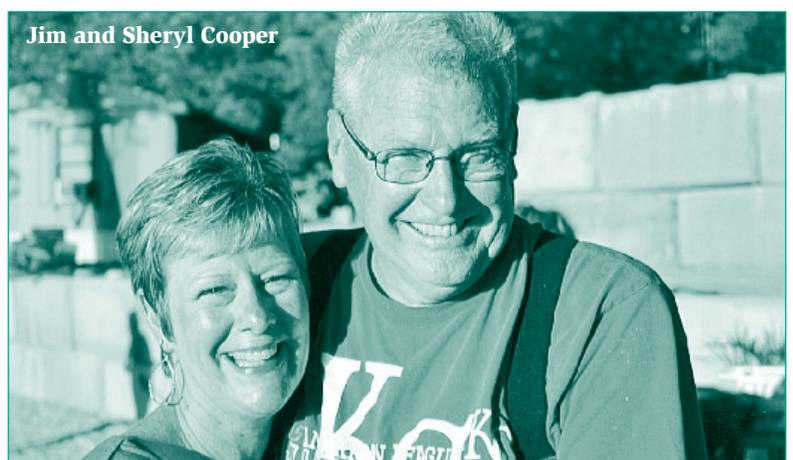
"I could not have done this without my beautiful wife," said Cooper, referring to his wife Sheryl.

The award was presented July 21 at the Adams Point Conference Center in Blue Springs.

Cooper grew up in the Mt. Washington Elementary School area, swimming at the city pool, playing baseball and graduating from Van Horn High School. He and his wife moved to Sugar Creek 27 years ago and raised two sons, Daniel and James.

He has served on the Planning and Zoning Commission for more than 15 years.

After awhile, he knew he want-



Jim and Sheryl Cooper

ed to give back to his community because of the opportunities he received.

So, he coached instructional league baseball for three years. He also ran a basketball league at the Sugar Creek gym for two more years. He painted the old ball park at Roper Field before it was rebuilt. He

also served as an adult advisor for seven Eagle Scout Project through Troop 221.

- Adam Floree's concrete pad for trash cans in Harrison Park

- Adam Kriz's rebuild of BBQ grills in Harrison Park

— See "Cooper Honored With Civic Award" on page 5

## Say Hello To Sugar Creek's Newest Officer!

When Corporal Joe Loring calls for ammo these days, it barks and wags its tail.

Ammo, you see, is a 15-month-old, male German Shepherd, born and raised in Poland. Ammo began police dog training July 11 and has lived with Corp. Loring and his wife and three children here in Sugar Creek since June 24.

Some residents got a chance to meet Ammo at the 4th of July Parade. He has proven to be good with children and behaves well in crowds.

Loring said the Sugar Creek Police Department has not had a K9 officer



since 2000 — 16 years ago.

That would be 106 in dog years.

Loring said in May 2015 he proposed re-starting the K9 program for the Sugar Creek Police Department. After talking to representatives from the Independence Police Department — which has had a K9 officer for a number of years — and the Clay County Sheriff's Department, the addition was approved. The Clay County Sheriff's Department donated to the Sugar Creek Police Department a Ford Crown Victoria that is modified to transport Ammo.

— See "City's Newest Officer" on page 2



# MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

As I sit at my desk in City Hall I look at my coffee cup. The message on it says "TEAM". Early in the morning of July 7th, I received a phone call. "Mayor, this is Captain Kline. We have a problem". Similar in tone and fashion to the famous movie line, "Houston, we have a problem", but not to the magnitude of life and death, at least not yet. "Our communication tower had been damaged by the storm. We have no emergency communication," he said in a more somber tone.

The following 48 hours proved why I am a proud of our town, and an even prouder Mayor. TEAM. Captain Kline explained to me the situation. We discussed options. Many other Sugar Creek personnel were consulted. Not only department heads, but much staff as well.

As far as I know, everyone that had an opinion was listened to. When all thoughts had been given consideration we progressed with a plan to restore emer-

gency communication as soon as possible. Updates hourly yielded new discussions. Many of our employees have expertise in different areas and their suggestions were heavily weighed.

Let's review the event from beginning to end. Storm takes out communication: Now the city's emergency response is hampered. Time is of the essence. We need to get communication re-established as soon as possible. One TEAM starts on that.

Consider the communication radio equipment, damaged or usable? How do we retrieve it from the building? Is it safe to do so? If the rest of the tower falls while someone is in the building would the concrete structure be stable enough to withstand the impact of the tower? We obviously need a new tower of some sort. We have live electrical power that needs to be disconnected. WE WANT NO ONE HURT!



We have a dangerous structure that is going to need a crane to safely dismantle the rest of the twisted metal structure. To hamper this, we are on top of seemingly shallow gas lines. Cranes are heavy therefore we need metal plates for the feet of the platforms to dissipate the weight. Don't forget to call for utility locates. And the structure itself, we will need an expert on dismantling broken towers safely. Our city worked as a TEAM. No one should try to orchestrate this kind of an operation on their own. It takes a TEAM.

Special thanks to even non-employees. John Loges proved invaluable in this whole process. Contacts and relationships are very beneficial. Yes I am proud of our city and city employees. I am proud that our residents care enough to contribute time and expertise. If not for the TEAM work of everyone we would not have been back up in operation in 12 hours nor would we have been in full operation in 36 hours. This was an emergency that was taken care of professionally and with pride.

Sugar Creek, we are going places!

*Thank you,  
Mayor Matt Mallinson*

## CITY'S NEWEST OFFICER

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While it cost \$12,000 to acquire Ammo – the best police dog bloodlines are found in Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland – the cost of his care from here on out will be for food and routine veterinarian care.

Sugar Creek Police Chief Chris Soule said a number of businesses and civic groups also donated toward the costs of acquiring Ammo. Those donating either money or labor are: Sugar Creek Moose Lodge No. 10, LS Construction Services, Woodmen of the World/Carefree Industrial Park, Sugar Creek Optimist Club, American Legion Post 370, American Legion Women's Auxiliary, VFW Women's Auxiliary, Probuilt Fence and Morgan Jacobs Construction.

Soule said that in the fall, once Ammo's training is complete, he will visit schools and other community events – when not on patrol duty.

Loring said that before coming to Sugar

Creek, handlers worked with Ammo by playing with balls and tracking objects. Loring said 18 dogs were tested before Ammo was selected to come to Sugar Creek.

Ammo and Loring will attend Ironheart High Performance Working Dogs, a school in Ottawa, Kan. It will last six to eight weeks. Training will include narcotics, patrol – including tracking people and objects – as well as handler protection and agitation work.

"There is nothing more beautiful than a man and a dog working together as a team," said Loring of what drew him to working with a dog for a partner. "It's a bond like no other."

Loring has been with the Sugar Creek Police Department for seven years. He was trained at the Metropolitan Community College Police Academy and worked with a security dog while employed by a private security firm.

When not in training or patrolling, Ammo lives in a fenced run with shelter in Loring's backyard.

And, rest assured dog lovers, Ammo will be allowed in the house during inclement weather.

## MISSOURI MAIN STREET MEETING AUGUST 25 POLICE AND FIRE TRAINING ROOM

The next Missouri Main Street Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Police and Fire Training room at 1001 Heroes Way, Sugar Creek, MO 64054.

Our first meeting on June 23rd was a success approximately 35 people received information about the Missouri Main Street Grant that the City has obtained and were able to share their vision for our Main Street.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this meeting to provide your input on the Sugar Creek Main Street. For more information please contact City Hall at (816) 252-4400.

# NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

## Public Works

**REFUSE**– During the summer, drivers may vary as well as time schedules due to work responsibilities, heat, vacation days and volume. Remember, all refuse must be set out by 7:00 a.m. on your designated pick up date.

Please remember if a major holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday the Public Works department will be closed on the day closest to the holiday and the routes could be changed..

— Sue Mikula, Public Works Administrative Assistant

## Parks & Recreation

**COMMUNITY POTLUCK**– The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Community Potluck on August 9. We will provide hamburgers, 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 September 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 held on the third Saturday of every other month.

**NEW DINNER THEATER**– August 17, 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 Mike Onka Building . 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 August 18. Call for more information about the location.

**STARLIGHT THEATER & DINNER ON THE TOWN**– We will have tickets for August 12. Cost is \$8.00 per person, and price includes transportation and ticket to show. Dinner will be on your own. Limited Tickets available.

**SUGAR CREEK SHOCKERS FOOTBALL**– Come out and join in

the fun and support your home town team. Home games will be at Kaw Field and start at 7pm. Admission is \$7 per person, children 13 and under are free.

**SUGAR CREEK HARVEST MARKET**– The Sugar Creek Harvest Market operates every Thursday from March through October. The market is held in the lot at 606 N. Sterling. Hours are 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.

**YARD BEAUTIFICATION**– The purpose of the Yard Beautification Program is to maintain and improve the appearance of our community by promoting well-manicured yards. The winners will receive a YARD BEAUTIFICATION sign to proudly display in their yard for two weeks. A picture of the 1st place winning yard will be posted on the City website and an award will be presented to the 1st place winner at a city council meeting. The City will post the winners on the City Face Book page. Every effort will be made to rotate the winners among the entire city. Each homeowner/renter is invited to participate. We will also have a 2nd and 3rd place winner and they will be eligible to receive the 1st Place Yard beautification award at a later time. The yard Beautification 1st place award can only be won, one time a year.

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

## Police Department

**CHIEF'S CHAT**– I would like to let everyone know that this year school starts on August 11, I know it seems early to me too. So please remember to look out for our children while they walk to school and bus stops. Please remember to stop for the school busses.

The Sugar Creek Police will begin enforcing all school zones on this date, so please drive safely and remember to buckle up.

### JUNE CRIME STATS:

Assaults.....	8
Burglary.....	4
Disturbance .....	14
Fraud .....	2
Larceny .....	8
Drug charges .....	14
Destruction of property and/or vandalism.....	5
Missing persons/runaway.....	1

— Christopher Soule, Sugar Creek Police Chief



“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 additional information, please 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.

# KCATA Launches Taxi Program For Seniors, Disabled

Anywhere you want. Anytime you want. Weekends? Holidays? Late at night? It doesn't matter.

Seniors and riders with disabilities in parts of the metro area will have more freedom to get around with a new pilot taxi voucher program that started July 5.

The Kansas City Area Transportation Authority is piloting a regional taxi voucher program similar to ones operated in Olathe, Lenexa and Shawnee on the Kansas side of the state line.

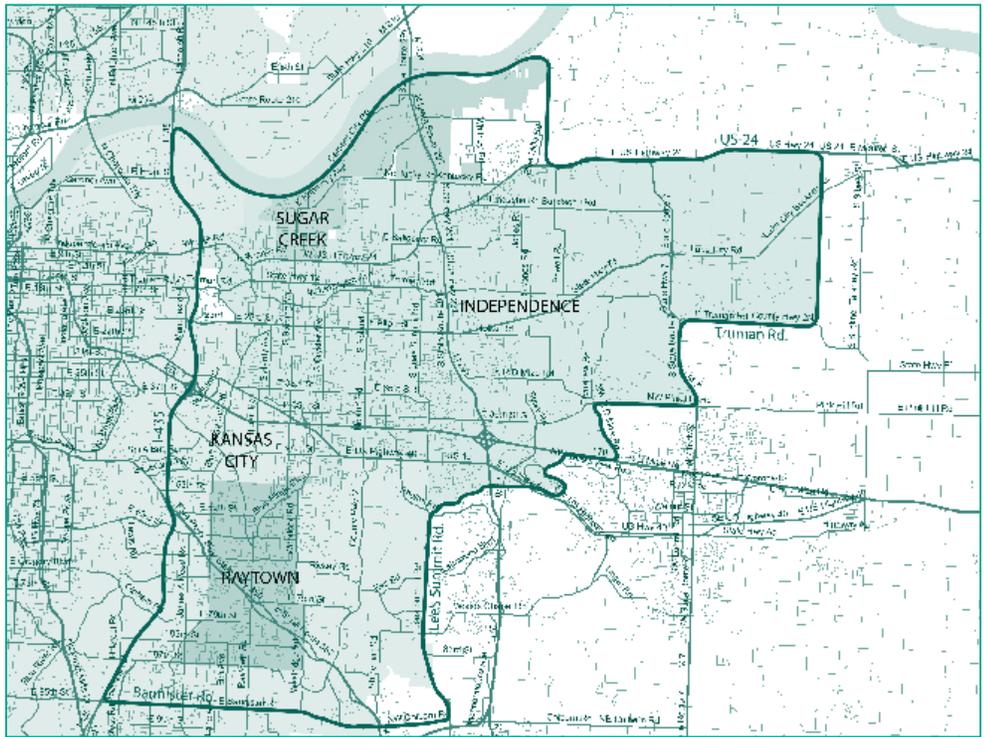
The program is open to anyone 65 and older, as well as anyone with a disability in parts of eastern Jackson County, including Independence, Raytown and Sugar Creek.

Using 10/10 Taxi, eligible riders can go anywhere they want in the region up to 10 miles for \$5 each way. Riders have to pay the regular cost of the fare after the first 10 miles. The service is available any day at any time, including weekends and holidays. Ten one-way trips are allowed each month.

"This is all about access, but at the same time it's a way of thinking outside the box and looking for new and innovative ways to offer public transportation to our constituents," said Steve Klika, chairman of the KCATA Board of Commissioners. "We want to give our residents more flexibility to get around while measuring whether there is a more cost-effective way to provide public transportation."

Anyone interested should go to the RideKC Taxi page.

An application also can be obtained by calling 816-221-0660. You can request an application from [RideKConDemand@kcata.org](mailto:RideKConDemand@kcata.org), so



one can be emailed, mailed or faxed to you.

A 2 inch by 2 inch photo (selfies are allowed) is required for an identification card that will be mailed to eligible riders. The photo can be uploaded on your computer with the application or can be mailed to the Nolte Transit Center, 1701 W. 56 Highway in Olathe or at the Kansas City Area Transportation Authority, 1200 E. 18th Street in Kansas City, Mo. Participants can have a photo taken at either location, but must call the Regional Call Center at 816-221-0660 to make an appoint-

ment.

The card will work like a debit card. When you receive it in the mail – between seven to 10 business days after the application is approved – instructions will be provided showing you how to upload value onto your new card so it can be swiped when using the cab.

Questions? Call 816-221-0660 or email [ridekcondemand@kcata.org](mailto:ridekcondemand@kcata.org). Visit the website at <http://ridekc.org/mobility-services/ridek-taxi>.

## Sugar Creek Accepting Offers On Pumper Fire Truck



The City of Sugar Creek / Sugar Creek Fire Department will be accepting bids on a 1977 Ford Series 8000 Pierce Fire Truck Pumper.

- 47045 miles
- New tires 5-21-2015
- 1000 gallon Tank
- 2 - 1 ½" crosslays
- 1- 2 ½" intake
- 1-10 ft Attic ladder
- 1- 28 ft Extension Ladder
- 4 - Extinguishers', 1-ABC, 1-Water Can, 1-Light Water, 1-CO 2
- Pump tested as 12-8-2015
- 1000 GPM Waterous pump
- New Poly tank installed 1998
- 4 - 2 ½" discharges
- 2 - 5" stortz Intake valves
- 1 -14 ft Roof Ladder

The City of Sugar Creek / Sugar Creek Fire Department purchased this fire truck new and the vehicle has been in active service until September of 2015 when it went to a reserve status.

The City of Sugar Creek starting bid is \$7,500.00 or Best Offer. The City has the right to refuse any or all offers for this pumper. All Bids will need to be in a manila envelope marked (FIRE TRUCK BID) to the Attention of Jana Dickerson, City Of Sugar Creek, 103 S Sterling, Sugar Creek, MO. 64054 by August 15, 2016. If you should need more information please contact Patrick Casey, Fire Chief at 816-521-7922 ext 1274.

# COOPER HONORED WITH CIVIC AWARD

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- Adam Floree's concrete pad for trash cans in Harrison Park
- Adam Kriz's rebuild of BBQ grills in Harrison Park
- Nathan Brown's concrete seats at the War Memorial
- Calan Zeiler, who organized the first clean up of Wayne City Landing
- Jacob Ayers, who organized the second clean up of Wayne City Landing
- Daniel Cooper, who arranged the painting of the storm drains from Sterling East.
- Jordan Daugherty, who arranged the painting of the storm drains from Sterling West
- Lucas Kriz's rebuilt of BBQ stands at LaBenite Park

And, there was the work Troop 221 did to replace the concrete seats at the War Memorial after they were destroyed.

And, personally, he used to pick up trash along Kentucky in the mornings on his way to have coffee. That happened until his hip started causing him trouble.

Ever the modest man, he included a number of people in this honor with him:

- Ed Layton: because as the Public Works Director, nobody works as hard
- Pat Casey: for his work with the Fire Department
- Chris Soule: for his work with the Police Department
- Jerry Zevecke: because he wants the city's pool back as much as he does
- Bill Haman: because he proposed a marina be built at LaBenite Park
- John Hix: for his work keeping up with City history
- The members of the Planning & Zoning Commission and the mayors and aldermen because they care about the city.

## USED VEHICLES FOR SALE

The City of Sugar Creek has the following vehicles for sale. The vehicles may be seen at the City lot at the corner of Sterling and Evans.

Please submit all bids to the City Clerk, Jana Olivarez-Dickerson at Sugar Creek City Hall 103 S. Sterling Sugar Creek, MO 64054. The bids must contain the vehicle or vehicles you wish to bid on; your Name, address and a phone number or e-mail address to reach you. The bids must be placed in a sealed envelope and submitted to City Hall by Friday, August 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

Bids will be opened on Monday August 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The bids will be reviewed and sold to the highest bidder of each vehicle. The highest bidder will be contacted approximately one week after the bids are opened. The City of Sugar Creek reserves the right to refuse any or all bids submitted.

Direct any questions to Public Works (816) 252-4413.

1988	1FDXK84A1JVA22891	Ford Dump Truck	53528 MILES
1988	1FDXK84A3JVA22892	Ford Dump Truck	53141 MILES
1991	1GDC14K2ME143146	Chevy C1500 Pickup	143422 MILES
1992	1GDC14K2ME155961	Chevy C1500 Pickup	146478 MILES
1994	1GCEC14K3RE232347	Chevy C1500 Pickup	94273 MILES
1994	2B5WB35ZXRK156242	Dodge 3500 Van	51632 MILES



## At the library... AUGUST 2016

### ■ computer classes

**Computer Basics**– Tuesday, August 2 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, August 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, August 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.

**Computer Basics**– Tuesday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. Learn more about getting around on your computer in this class, which offers insights into hardware and software components.

**Computer Basics**– Tuesday, August 31 at 11:00 a.m. Learn more about getting around on your computer in this class, which offers insights into hardware and software components.

### ■ crafts

**Quilting For The People**– Saturday, August 6 and Saturday, August 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.

### ■ book clubs

**After Lunch Book Club**– Thursday, August 11 and Thursday, August 25 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.

### ■ teen activities

**Mine Craft**– Tuesday, August 2 and Tuesday, August 9 at 4:00 p.m. Every week will be feature a different mystery challenge to focus your energies. Will you be challenged to build a superhero themed character or your favorite snack item? Will you craft or buy your items? These decisions are yours to make, so choose wisely and get ready to shoot, chop and slice your way through to THE END. May the odds be ever in your favor.

## LIBRARY HOURS:

**Monday - Thursday ..... 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

**Friday and Saturday ..... 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.**

**Sunday ..... Closed**

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## August 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)

252-7058  
911

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
	1 Refuse Route 1	2 Refuse Route 2	3 Refuse Route 3	4 Yardwaste Pickup	5	6
7	8 Refuse Route 1	9 Refuse Route 2 12:00 p.m. Community Pot Luck – Mike Onka Bldg. 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Building	10 Refuse Route 3	11 Yardwaste Pickup 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission Mgt. – City Hall	12	13
14	15 Refuse Route 1	16 Refuse Route 2	17 Refuse Route 3 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sugar Creek United Methodist Church Ice Cream Social New Dinner Theater	18 Yardwaste Pickup Garden Club Meeting <i>Delinquent date for utilities</i>	19	20
21	22 Refuse Route 1	23 Refuse Route 2	24 Refuse Route 3	25 Yardwaste Pickup 6:30 p.m. Missouri Main Street Mtg – Police/Fire Training Room	26	27
28	29 Refuse Route 1	30 Refuse Route 2	31 Refuse Route 3	9/1 Yardwaste Pickup		
	<i>Past due notification date</i>					

**COFFEE WITH A COP:**  
The Sugar Creek Police Department will be hosting Coffee with a Cop starting in August. For August, we will meet at the Police Dept. on:  
**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH FROM 8:30-10:00 A.M.**  
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH FROM 8:30-10:00 A.M.**