

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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SUGAR CREEK ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Matt Mallinson

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Peggy Doss

Buckley To Be Named Citizen Of The Year

Bob Buckley will be honored as Sugar Creek's Truman Heartland Community Foundation 2016 Citizen of the Year. He is to be honored at the Truman Heartland Gala on Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center.

Buckley served the City of Sugar Creek as the City Attorney for 35 years before retiring from the position in June of this year.

Buckley has been a partner with White, Graham, Buckley & Carr for 16 years. Before that he practiced law at Welch, Martin, Albano & Manners for 20 years. He has also been the City Attorney for Smithville.

Bob is also the founder and president of Bears Tomorrow, a non-profit organization dedicated to the development of future William Chrisman athletes.

Buckley is a 1980 graduate of the University of Missouri – Kansas City Law School. He also has a master's degree in Urban Administration.

He has lived in Independence all of his life and graduated from William Chrisman.

Currently, Buckley is president of the Independence School District Foundation and moderator of Maywood Baptist Church. He has been president of the Eastern Jackson County Bar Association.

He has been married to Kim Buckley for 21 years. They have three adult children.

The Mayor, the Board of Aldermen are proud to have Bob Buckley as a premiere citizen of the City of Sugar Creek, Missouri.

The Truman Heartland Community Foundation is a 501c3 public charity where individuals, businesses or non-profits can establish their own family foundations,

Bob Buckley



scholarship funds, endowed funds and other charitable funds that utilize the shared resources of the Community Foundation to maxi-

mize the impact of their charitable dollars. The Foundation provides \$3.1 million in community grants annually.



MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

I had the privilege to honor Jim Cooper as Sugar Creek's Citizen of the Year for Missouri Municipal League on July 21, 2016. A well deserved award for an outstanding resident.

Jim is an active member of the Sugar Creek Planning and Zoning Board as well as a Boy Scout Leader for Troop 221. Jim has helped lead several Eagle Scout projects in Sugar Creek, including concrete seats at the War Memorial, new concrete trash pads, rebuilt BBQ grills and stands at Harrison Park, painted storm drains and landscaping improvements to our historic Wayne City Landing. Sugar Creek is a better place because of Jim (and Sheryl) Cooper. (side note: without his wife Sheryl, Jim would probably cease to exist, so

thanks to Sheryl as well).

On August 8th, Sugar Creek said thank you and good bye to Bob Buckley, our city attorney of 35 years. Bob served Sugar Creek in good times and bad times, always working to make the bad times turn good again. We thank Bob for his years of dedication and service to our community. He is to be honored as Sugar Creek's Outstanding Citizen of the year at the Truman Heartland's Gala on September 17th. Although not a citizen of Sugar Creek, his years of service justifies this honor.

Also on August 8th, with great plea-

sure I appointed (with Board approval) Mr. Michael Sanders as our new city attorney. Mr. Sanders recently joined the Law Firm of Humphrey, Farrington and McClain after serving as our Jackson County Prosecutor for 4 years and as County Executive for 9 years. He comes highly qualified and Sugar Creek is very fortunate to have Michael Sanders as our new City Attorney. Sugar Creek's future looks very promising. I am excited to see what this next year brings.

Sugar Creek is definitely going places!

*Thank you,
Mayor Matt Mallinson*



Annual Truman Cup Sees More Than 400 Participants

The 3rd Annual Truman Cup cycling race took place July 22-24, 2016. This year the event expanded to three races over three days and featured an "Omnium" format which awards the top three racers over the three events combined. Truman Cup is hosted annually by a local cycling team from Eastern Jackson County, Missouri, "Jacomo Racing," and is sanctioned through USA Cycling.

The Cement City Time Trial took place Friday evening along Cement City Road in Sugar Creek. The road was closed to automobile traffic to allow the cyclists to safely record their fastest possible times. Justin Maciekowicz of St. Louis, MO, recorded the fastest time overall, completing the nearly 6 mile course in just over 11 minutes, for an average speed of nearly 30 mph! Cynthia Bracker of Lawrence, KS was the fastest female recording a time of just over 14 minutes on the course.

Saturday featured the Sugar Creek Circuit Race which is a 4-mile course starting and finishing near Mike Onka Hall. The key element to the course is the one-plus mile climb up Kentucky which averages over 4% grade and reaches 10% in places. This is followed by a flat section along River Blvd. and finally a fast decent down Mallinson. Racers complete as many as 7 laps of the this course in a single race.

Sunday was the Square Criterium in downtown Independence, and also the final stage of the Omnium. The course was about 2/3



of mile of closed roads as racers completed numerous fast laps with multiple turns over the allotted time. Much like Saturday, heat was a major factor as temperatures reached over 100 degrees and the heat index reached

— See "Many Take Part In Cup" on page 4

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

EXTRA REFUSE PICKUP– The Fall extra refuse pickup will begin on September 12. It normally takes 5 to 7 days for the entire city to be picked up, please be patient with our crews.

Refuse must be out by 7:00 a.m. on Monday September 12, but not more than 72 hours prior to that time.

Extra refuse is defined as; items of refuse which are not banned from landfills, and are too large to be loaded in the solid waste collection vehicles.

REFUSE/YARDWASTE– Please remember that the weight limit for containers is 65 pounds. If your refuse or yardwaste is not picked up as usual, please check it, there is a reason it was left, a tag will be on the container.

— Sue Mikula, Public Works Administrative Assistant

Parks & Recreation

COMMUNITY POTLUCK– The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Community Potluck on September 13. We will provide fried chicken, 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 September 15. Call for more information about the location.

STARLIGHT THEATER & DINNER ON THE TOWN– We will have tickets for September 11. Cost is \$8.00 per person, and price includes transportation and ticket to show. Dinner will be on your own. Limited tickets available.

CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES– This is a FREE event to participate in. You will not need to have a special permit for the City Wide Garage Sale held on September 9 and September 10. 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 news, on the city web site, and on Facebook. Any advertising you do must not be placed on any utility pole in the city limits of Sugar Creek, as this is against City Ordinance. Signage must be placed on private property only and must be removed at the end of the sale on Saturday, September 10. The hours of the sales shall be from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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– The Sugar Creek Police Department would like to welcome two new officers to the department, they are Tom Butkovich and Nichole Amer. Both officers have already shown to be assets to the department. Both officers have previous law enforcement experience which we hope will increase the quality of policing given to the citizens of Sugar Creek. Please feel free to stop by and visit us or wave an officer down if you would like to talk.

COFFEE WITH COPS September dates will be: Wednesday, September 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Police Department and Saturday, September 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Kross Lounge & Restaurant 605 N. Sterling.

JULY CRIME STATS:

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| Assaults..... | 6 |
| Burglary..... | 3 |
| Disturbance | 12 |
| Fraud | 2 |
| Larceny | 12 |
| Drug charges | 6 |
| Destruction of property and/or vandalism..... | 1 |
| Missing persons/runaway..... | 1 |

— Christopher Soule, Sugar Creek Police Chief

• ALL RESIDENTS, PLEASE NOTE • ANNUAL SEWER BILL ADJUSTMENT

The residential sewer customers will have their annual sewer bill adjustment reflected on their July bill. The July 2016 bill will be mailed out at the end of August 2016. This will be the customer's new sewer rate for the next year. The sewer bill is adjusted based on an average of the customers six month winter water usage.

— Marlin Gonzalez, Utility Billing

NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Life of Fostich Remembered

John Fostich, 102, of Green Ridge, Mo., formerly Sugar Creek, Mo., died July 22, 2016.

Visitation was held July 25. Graveside service followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

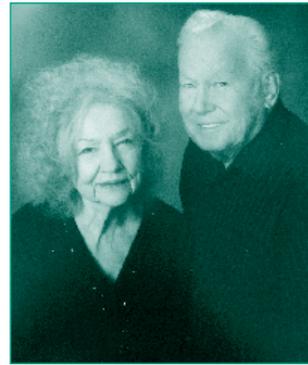
Yanciks Will Be Missed

MARY YANCIK

Mary (Halastik) Yancik, 85, of Sugar Creek, MO, passed away Thursday, July 7, 2016.

She spent her days as a happy homemaker to her husband, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, where she would love and feed everyone! On June 2, she celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary to her husband, Emil. Her kindness, humor, and smile will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her son, Christopher Yancik. Mary is survived by her husband, Emil; two daughters, Victoria Thompson (Steven) and Marianne Crosson (Trey); two granddaughters, Nicole Steffen (Chris) and Krystal Thompson; and two great-grandchildren, Cody and Chloe Steffen.



EMIL YANCIK

Emil Edward Yancik, 86, of Sugar Creek, MO passed away July 25, 2016, eighteen days after his wife of 60 years, Mary.

"To make a long story short," Emil was a Korean War veteran who proudly served in the Army. Afterwards, he worked for

Falstaff, where he acquired his love for beer. From there he was employed by Daniels-McCray Lumber, and then Payless Cashways from which he retired. Retirement allowed him to enjoy keeping up his impeccable yard and hustling people in pool. He always loved a good polka and would tell his entertaining stories, complete with impersonations to everyone who would listen!

He was preceded in death by his wife Mary and son, Christopher Yancik. Emil is survived by two daughters, Victoria Thompson (Steven) and Marianne Crosson (Trey); two granddaughters, Nicole Steffen (Chris) and Krystal Thompson; and two great-grandchildren, Cody and Chloe Steffen.

Life of Boynton Remembered

John Wesley Boynton, 88, of Sugar Creek, Mo., passed away August 3, 2016.

John was born on January 16, 1928, in Kansas City, Mo., to Victor and Geneva Boynton. He was a graduate of William Chrisman High School. After high school, John joined the U.S. Marines where he proudly served his country. For over 35 years John owned the Farview 66 Station on 24 Hwy. John not only took care of their cars, he was also there for his customers. He was an honest businessman and his customers depended on him. John also enjoyed driving a school bus for kindergarten children. He was a supportive father without interfering. John liked to tease people, but everyone loved him. He and his wife, Beverly, enjoyed several trips to Las Vegas where John would always have luck on his side at the craps tables!

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Beverly Boynton; sons, Bill Boynton, John Boynton, Frank Boynton and John Russell; daughter, Pam Kibler; brother, Tom Boynton; many grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

John is preceded in death by his parents, siblings, Gene, Vic and Betty.

BACK TO SCHOOL

The City of Sugar Creek welcomes back all students in the Independence and Fort Osage School Districts. Please watch out for children and abide by speed limits in school zones.

Drive carefully

MANY TAKE PART IN CUP

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120 degrees by day's end!

There were over 400 participants register over the three stages of racing, and the following individuals were crowned Truman Cup Omnium Champions of their respective categories: Shadd Smith of Overland Park, KS; Lynn Wilson of Kansas City, MO; Leo Smith of St. Louis, MO; Tim Jansen of Lenexa, KS; Brianna Overbey of Edwardsville, IL; and Andy Chocha of Kansas City, MO.

Several local businesses sponsored the event, contributing to the prize purse of nearly \$7,500: Alloy Wheel Repair Specialists; Independence Tourism Commission; Bike Stop Bicycle Store; UpDog; Republic Services; Talon Concrete; Square Pizza; Terra Health and Wellness Market; Ophelia's Restaurant; Corporate Copyprint; Cable-Dahmer Chevrolet; KC Running Company; Adidas; GQ-6; Chamois Butter; Red Bull; and Randen Schleidan with



Waddell & Reed.

The City of Sugar Creek and City of Independence provided public services to make sure that the course and its racers were safe.

Sugar Creek's PPC Lowers

Once again the (PPC) Public Protection Classification rating again lowers for the residents and business owner of the City of Sugar Creek. In 2002 the PPC rating for the city was 6, in 2003 it was lowered to a 5. Then again in 2006 we asked for another rating check, due to item that were being performed differently and it was lowered to a 4 rating. The rating of 4 has remained in place for a number of years; we were contacted by (ISO) Insurance Services Office about reevaluating our rating as it was time. This time our rating was even a better success and was lowered to a rating of 3 for most of the city and goes into effect October 1, 2016, as other parts stayed at a 9 as they have been for years. Most homeowners & commercial insurance (not all insurance companies) goes by this PPC Rating to determine rates of insurance's for the area you live in.

This is a combined effort by all departments in the city. The evaluation is based on our dispatch center the way calls are answered, how many dispatchers are on duty at a time, and how long it takes to dispatch a call. Also Public Works play a part to how the water system works, flow rates, gallons per minute, how many hydrants, spacing, and record keeping.

The Fire Department started a rigorous inspection program about 13 years ago and this was one of the major contributors as that lowered the rate again. We are graded on staffing, trucks, inventory on the trucks including what we must carry as such as so much hose and equipment, how long it takes to respond to a fire, how many firefighters respond, training, and the biggest item is record keeping.

Again this is not one department alone doing this, it is a combined effort of your city workers all working together as a TEAM.

— Patrick Casey, Fire Chief

RESIDENTS PLEASE NOTE...

The Mayor and Board of Alderman is considering contracting with Republic Services to handle the trash collection for our community. We wanted to give you a glimpse of why this is being considered.

Our Public Works employees do a great job servicing the resident's trash, recycling and yard waste collection. They do this great job with some very old equipment. New garbage trucks are very expensive and can cost upward of \$330,000. Now, of course we could look at buying used trucks, but with used trucks come higher maintenance cost. One of our main trucks is a 1999, and needs to be replaced fairly soon.

One of our main concerns and that is the safety of our employees. The older equipment we currently use is no longer efficient and can lead to safety concerns for our employees.

The Public Works Department has been operating with a very lean staff lately and this proposed change will allow them the opportunity to focus on some other projects in the city.

The City is proposing to contract with Republic Services a long term corporate citizen in Sugar Creek who has provided waste management services to the City as well as a significant annual revenue stream that assists with funding many of the services in the community. In addition to the weekly services you currently receive, every homeowner will be provided a new wheeled cart for trash and another wheeled cart for recycling. We know some of you may be concerned about the size of the cart but there are several different sizes that can be used to fit your needs. Republic Services will also take your yard waste and your bulk items.

This decision will be scheduled to be reviewed by the Board of Alderman on August 22nd for a final decision. Should the Mayor and Board of Alderman decide to move forward with Republic Services we will set up some availability session "town hall" style meetings at different times to accommodate as many work schedules as pos-



At the library...
SEPTEMBER 2016

■ computer classes

Computer Basics— Tuesday, September 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, September 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, September 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.

Computer Basics— Tuesday, September 27 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, September 3 and Saturday, September 17 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, September 15 and Thursday, September 29 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.

Fairmount Community Center Book Group— Wednesday, September 28 at 12:15 p.m. Join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Fairmount Community Center, located at 217 S. Cedar Ave in Independence, MO 64053. Books provided by the Sugar Creek Branch Library, with discussions moderated by Mary Roberson

■ teen activities

Craft— Tuesday, September 13 and Tuesday, September 27 at 4:00 p.m.

■ just for kids

Kid's Craft Activity— Thursday, September 22 at 4:00 p.m. Join us for a coloring craft activity.

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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September 2016 Calendar

City Hall Offices 252-4400 Police or Fire Emergencies 911
 Public Works 252-4413 Non Emergencies 252-7058
 Parks & Recreation 252-4400, ext. 1137 www.sugar-creek.nc.us/City_News.html

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 Mike Onka Bldg. - \$5.00/class

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CITYWIDE GARAGE SALE

MEMORIAL DAY
 City Hall and Public Works
 Offices Closed

Refuse Route 1
 Large Item Pickup
 6:30 p.m. Study Session
 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Community
 Pot Luck - Mike Onka Bldg.
 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court
 Police and Fire Building

Garden Club Meeting

Bob Ross Painting Class

Delinquent date for utilities

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

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

Post due notification date