

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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Republic To Take On City Trash/Recycling

By benefit of a contract signed in August, Republic Services will begin collecting trash and recycling in November 4, 2016.

For many years, The City of Sugar Creek has been collecting trash, and more recently recycling materials, for residents throughout the City, said Ed Layton, Director of Public Works. In turn, that refuse was taken to a landfill operated by Republic Services.

Because of this new procedure, the City will be hosting two availability sessions in October. Representatives of Republic Services and Sugar Creek will be there to answer questions. The first meeting is at 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 17 at City Hall. The second meeting is at 1 p.m. the next day, Tuesday, October 18, also at City Hall.

A major improvement to our citizens will be that Republic Services will be picking up all trash and recycling on Fridays, starting November 4, 2016, said Layton. The company



has enough trucks and manpower to service The City of Sugar Creek in one day every week.

In addition, refuse containers and carts will be provided by Republic for each resident to use. The refuse containers are on order and will be delivered to homes in the City by the end of October. One container will be for trash, and the other will be for recycling. Attached to the containers

will be a detailed package of information for the homeowners to look at that will give all the details of the new collection program.

Rear end refuse trucks that Sugar Creek uses are quickly becoming a thing of the past, according to Layton. This procedure has quickly become outdated by a better and

— See "New Trash/Recycling Service" on page 5

Get Ready For The City's First Fall Festival

Q: What do you get when you combine a Trick-or-Treating event with a craft fair along Sugar Creek's Main Street area?

A: The Sugar Creek Fall Festival.

The Sugar Creek Parks and Recreation Department is hosting the first ever Fall Festival on Saturday, October 29 in the area of 606 N. Sterling Ave.

Both events have been held for

eight years, but at different times. This year they are being combined on one day.

Connie Dickinson, supervisor with the Parks and Recreation Department, said the event is a family-oriented event that will feature a craft fair as well as a safe trick-or-treating opportunity and costume parade.

The Craft Village, to be located inside and outside the old Police

and Fire Department building on Sterling, will be open from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Festival hours will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and include safe trick-or-treating, contests, games and free hot dogs and popcorn as well as the costume parade. Watch the City's website, Facebook page and city's cable news channel for more information.

To secure a craft space or vendor booth, please contact City Hall at 252-4400, ext. 1137, for more information.





MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

On August 23rd, 2016 an earthquake in a mountainous stretch of central Italy killed at least 241 people, injured scores of others and left tremendous property damage. At least half of the city of Amatrice was destroyed. This is about one hundred miles to the northeast of Rome. Some of the buildings dated back to the Middle Ages. The magnitude of this quake was 6.2 followed by an after shock of 5.5. It was felt for 100 miles. April 2015 Nepal, 7.8 magnitude with over 8,000 killed. 2009 L'Aquila 6.5 magnitude nearly 300 dead, over one thousand injured, 55,000 left homeless. Emilia-Romagna, May, 2012 magnitude of 5.8 followed by three aftershocks greater than 5, many killed with 15,000 left homeless. April 2009 Abruzzo, 6.3 magnitude, 300 dead, thousands of buildings destroyed with tens of thousands left homeless. Molise 2002, 5.4. Campania 1980, 6.9.

The earthquake in Oklahoma on September 3, 2016 had a magnitude of 5.8, the largest recorded for that area, topping the November 6, 2011 one near Prague OK of 5.7 which was felt in 17 states. It appears the cause of this quake was man



made from oil industrial wastewater injection. Not going into the environmental issues of the processes for procuring oil, however the end result is that Mother Earth does not like what is being done to her layers. According to the USGS report in March, due to human activities central and eastern United States are now at risk of earthquakes at the same magnitude of those naturally occurring in California and that north central Oklahoma and the southernmost part of Kansas are the two areas of greatest risk. Earthquakes are becoming more and more prevalent worldwide. Please look at the website ds.iris.edu/seismon/ or earthquake.usgs.gov to see the number, magnitude, and proximity of the quakes all over North America and the Earth. In August and September in North America there were 15 over magnitude of

4. At the writing of this article, Oklahoma has had 146 earthquakes 1.5 in magnitude or greater in the last month and 2,511 in the last year. (earthquaketract.com)

I ask, is it not enough that we pollute our air, have used so many chemicals that our waterways are contaminated, we want to put pipelines under the very water we drink, we have latex air indexes, have dumped so much in our oceans that there is an island of plastics and other rubbish larger than Texas, that now we must drill and infuse into our Earth's crust in a fashion that has a synergistic effect to the above and causes our planet to shake? Is this quake our 'call to action'? As your Mayor, part of my job is to make sure our citizens are safe. Do we need to adjust our building codes to prepare for future quakes? As a city we need to be prepared for disasters. We now need to add this to our list of emergency preparedness responses. We will keep you informed on our progress. I suspect this is not the last rumble we will experience.

I want Sugar Creek to go places. But I want it to remain standing while it does.

*Thank you,
Mayor Matt Mallinson*

O'Renick: Proud To Call Sugar Creek Her Hometown



In early August, Anna O'Renick brought national recognition to Sugar Creek winning 1st Runner Up honors in the Miss Czech-Slovak United States Pageant.

Representing Missouri, Anna competed against representatives from other states in a three-day competition held in Wilber, Nebraska. Contestants were judged on their knowledge of Czech-Slovak history and their family heritage, oratory skills, and talent among other things. For her talent, Anna sang a selection from the Slovak National Opera, *Krutnava*, written in the 1940's by Slovak composer Eugen Suchon. She was also voted Miss Congeniality by her fellow pageant contestants.

As 1st Runner Up, Anna was awarded college scholarship funds and will represent the Czech-Slovak Pageant at festivals and events throughout the Midwest in the coming year.

Anna was the youngest contestant in the pageant. In May she graduated from William Chrisman High School, finishing second in her class academically. She also graduated from Blue River Community College with her Associates Degree, finishing with high honors.

She is currently attending the Conservatory of Music at UMKC majoring in vocal performance. Anna will perform with her collegiate choirs at venues across Kansas City, including the Kauffman Center in early November. In late August, she delivered a solo rendition of the National Anthem before the Sporting Kansas City soccer match in front of a sellout crowd of 20,000 people.

Anna says she is extremely proud to call Sugar Creek her hometown and proud of her Slavic heritage which played a major role in her youth. She is thankful for the support of her community and plans to work hard in the future to be a great representative of our city. Way to go Anna!

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

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. If there is a reason it was left, a tag will be on the container.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FACILITIES– Collection facilities are available for Sugar Creek residents to safely dispose their household hazardous waste. The closest location is in Kansas City, Mo.,

Kansas City, Missouri Facility
4707 Deramus | (816) 513-8400

(just south of the Chouteau Bridge in the east river bottoms)

Facility accepts: automotive products, antifreeze, batteries, CFL light bulbs, fertilizers, flammables, fuels, hazardous cleaners, hazardous liquids, household cleaners, lawn and garden products, paint, pesticides, photographic chemicals, pool chemicals, solvents, thinners, used oil

Facility does not accept: explosives, yard waste, commercial waste, pressurized gas cylinders, asbestos, tires, appliances

Hours:

Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.,

Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No appointment required (as of 7/2011).

Who can bring waste: No charge for residents of Regional HHW Collection Program. Must bring ID with proof of residency. Fees can no longer be accepted at the KC facility or at mobile events from residents of non-participating communities however they may still access the Lee’s Summit facility for a charge.

— Sue Mikula, Public Works Administrative Assistant

Parks & Recreation

COMMUNITY POTLUCK– The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Community Potluck on October 11. We will provide ham and beans, 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 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. These classes held on the third Saturday of every other month.

NEW DINNER THEATER– December 21. \$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 is \$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 October 20. Call for more information about the location.

FREE FAMILY FALL FEST– Saturday, October 29. The festival will be held at Wells Park from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Sugar Creek Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will again be hosting the Family Fall Festival. This is a safe trick-or-treating event for the youth of the community.

FALL CRAFT FAIR– Saturday, October 29. This will be held at the old Police and Fire building on Sterling next to Wells park from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have a craft item and would like to sell your products, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department for more information.

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Police Department

CHIEF’S CHAT– The Sugar Creek Police Department would like remind everyone to buckle up. Remember Seat belts save lives. The Police Department will be increasing the enforcement on Seat belt use and we would hope that all of our motoring public would help in the efforts to decrease traffic injuries and deaths by increasing the use of seat belts, and booster seats.

We would also like to invite you all to come out and meet the officers that protect you every day with our Coffee with a Cop program.

COFFEE WITH COPS October date will be: Saturday, October 15, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in the basement of City Hall.

AUGUST CRIME STATS:

Assaults.....	5
Burglary.....	5
Disturbance	12
Fraud	4
Larceny	15
Drug charges	3
Destruction of property and/or vandalism.....	1
Missing persons/runaway.....	2

— Christopher Soule, Sugar Creek Police Chief

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The City of Sugar Creek Board of Aldermen meet the second and fourth Mondays of the month. We have had requests to make available meeting minutes to the public. The meeting minutes are available on the Sugar Creek website at www.sugar-creek.mo.us. Go to **Departments**, then, on the left hand side, click on **Administration** and you will be able to click on **Council Meeting Minutes**. If this is not convenient for you, please contact Jana J. Olivarez-Dickerson, City Clerk, and ask for a copy of the meeting minutes that you would like. Jana may be reached by email at jdickerson@sugar-creek.mo.us or by phone at (816) 252-4400 ext. 1128.

— Jana J. Olivarez-Dickerson, City Clerk/Human Resources Manager

Sugar Creek Parks and Recreation

Fall

*Country Craft Show
and Vendors fair*



Saturday, October 29th 2016

9am to 3pm



Main Street Event!

Aisles of Handmade Arts & Crafts
And Items to purchase from local vendors.

Crafters & Vendors located on
Sterling Ave
Sugar Creek, MO 64054



*For information contact
Parks and Recreation*

*Connie Dickinson 816-252-4400 ext 1137
cdickinson@sugar-creek.mo.us*

Sugar Creek Parks and Recreation

October 29, 2016



Main Street Event

Family Fun Event

* Safe Trick or Treating *

* Contests * Games *

Free Hot Dogs and Popcorn

Craft Village for Shopping

Fall Festival Hours 11:00am -1:00pm

Craft Village Hours 9:00am-3:00pm

Location of Festival: 606 N Sterling Ave.

Information 252-4400 ext 1137

MISSOURI RIVER EAGLE DAY

DECEMBER 10 - 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

LaBenite Park, Sugar Creek, MO

Partnership Boat and launch into the magnificent

Springfield, MO.

these magnificent



NEW TRASH/RECYCLING SERVICE

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safer way of doing the job. Instead of purchasing new equipment and running the risk of equipment failure, which would put a stop to refuse pickup, the city has decided to contract with Republic Services, he said.

Republic has enough equipment to insure refuse will be picked up in the event of equipment failure. Republic Services has reduced injuries by over 90% by purchasing trucks with a mechanical arm to pick up refuse containers instead of having their workers physically picking up the trash and throwing it into the truck.

The City of Sugar Creek will continue to handle billing and payment for trash and recycling pickup.

Residents should continue to place their trash and recycling curbside as usual until Nov. 4, 2016.

Also, yard waste will be accepted at the curb in either bio-degradable bags, or bundles until November 4, 2016.

The City of Sugar Creek is excited to be partnering with Republic Services. We look forward to answering your questions at the availability meetings in October or feel free to contact Public Works at (816) 252-4413 or City Hall at (816) 252-4400.



At the library... OCTOBER 2016

computer classes

Computer Basics— Tuesday, October 4 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, October 11 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, October 18 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, October 25 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, October 1 and Saturday, October 15 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, October 13 and Thursday, October 27 at 3:30 p.m. Join us for an After Lunch Book Club as we read and discuss great books. We will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Sugar Creek Branch Library, with discussions moderated by Shirl Maldonado.

Fairmount Community Center Book Group— Wednesday, October 26 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 are provided by the Sugar Creek Branch Library, with discussions moderated by Mary Roberson

teen activities

Board Games— Wednesday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m.

just for kids

Kid's Craft Activity— Wednesday, October 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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