

Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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SUGAR CREEK ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Matt Mallinson

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Stanley J. Sagehorn
Joseph D. Kenney
Lorcan Doyle
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City Administrator

Ron Martinovich

City Clerk

Jana Olivarez-Dickerson

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Fire Chief

Patrick Casey

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Linda Martinovich

Building Official

Paul Loving

Director of Public Works

Ed Layton

City Attorney

Michael Sanders

Municipal Judge

Garry L. Helm

Municipal Court Clerk

Peggy Doss

Sanders Appointed As City's New Attorney

Former Jackson County Executive Michael D. Sanders has been appointed Sugar Creek City Attorney.

He replaces C. Robert Buckley, who had served in that capacity for 35 years. Buckley retired in June of this year.

Sanders started serving as City Attorney in August. He stepped down as County Executive in February of this year. Since then he has been an attorney with Humphrey, Farrington & McClain in Independence.

"I lived in Sugar Creek for almost three years when I started out in the prosecutor's office working for Claire McCaskill," said Sanders. "I fell in love with The City and the people, and always thought that someday I might move back. The City has enormous untapped potential. It's brightest days, in many ways, are ahead."

"Sugar Creek is very fortunate to have an attorney with the experience of Michael Sanders," said Mayor Matt Mallinson. "His past experience with Jackson County and being employed by the Humphrey, Farrington and McClain makes Mike very well equipped to represent our city to wrap up some past issues and help Sugar Creek progress with future projects.

"On the surface Sugar Creek may appear small, but we face challenges just like other cities. Our present leadership is moving forward to greater achievements of the future and Sanders is an integral part of this. We are proud to welcome him to our city."

Sanders started his career in public service by joining the United States Army in December 1988, during the Gulf War, where he quickly rose to the rank of first lieutenant.



He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and attended law school at Ohio State University. After serving in the military he completed his Juris Doctorate from OSU in 1984.

In 2002 he was elected as the Jackson County prosecutor. During his tenure he spearheaded, at the time, the controversial effort to pass legislation that created the Midwest's first mandatory DNA offender registry. The Missouri registry has been instrumental in the

prosecution of dozens of serial and cold case offenders, and has served as a model for other states throughout our nation.

In 2007, Sanders took office as the Jackson County Executive, at the beginning of the great recession that devastated our nation's economy. During that incredibly challenging backdrop, Sanders managed to balance the budget through an over 30% reduction in the county's general funds. In addition, he lowered

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MAYOR MATT'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

As many of you may already know, my daughter Leslie comes home from Australia to teach classes and lead students in clean-ups of the Missouri River. She is a waste strategist and was recently telling me about some of the ways she works with communities and businesses to achieve their goals for healthier less toxic lives. She is coming home again this fall and I am anxious to learn how our city can do better.

We are on the right path with our recycling programs having set the standards for other communities. Our goals are to set new examples.

In the meantime, while we are working on the better ways for the future, we all must be diligent in our daily lives. As consumers we have too much access to very dangerous chemicals ranging from household cleaners to products for our yards and plants.

Most of the plants sold for home and garden use are systemically treated with neonicotinoids, a chemical to prevent and kill insects that is banned in Europe because of its affect on pollinators. Please read and follow all label directions, use chemicals sparingly, and for the safety of all, do not



just bury or flush unused products.

Please take full advantage of the City's curbside recycling and yard waste programs. Even glass can now be recycled for free at Ripple Glass bins in our area.

Clothing unfit to donate is recycled when donated to Planet Aid, which has bins also in our area. What we do today has consequences tomorrow. We as individuals have a responsibility to our neighbors and the

next generation.

As your Mayor, I will look into what the city is using in the realm of chemicals and pesticides as well. Conversations can be started and we can work together to reach our goals.

Sugar Creek is going places. Let's keep it safe.

*Thank you,
Mayor Matt Mallinson*

ST. CYRIL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CHILI SUPPER

11231 Chicago Street
Sugar Creek, MO

SUNDAY, NOV. 13, 2016
SERVING FROM
11:30 A.M. UNTIL IT'S
ALL GONE!

Dine In or Carry Out!



"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.

NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

Public Works

AMERICA RECYCLES DAY– America Recycles Day is a nationally-recognized day, scheduled on November 15th each year to encourage and raise awareness about recycling.

The City encourages YOU to get involved and host your own “Clean Your Files” Day. Whether at home or at work, you can participate by cleaning out any unneeded paperwork and taking it to the City’s drop-off recycling centers.

SHARE TREASURED MEMORIES WITH YOUR COMMUNITY– Brick pavers are the perfect way to share the memory of a loved one, or honor those who are still with us today, and will forever be a part of Wells Park. Paver brick orders are placed twice a year and installed once in the Spring and once in the Fall. These engraved bricks will be seen by all who use Wells Park. Many activities are held at the park during the year for participants to see your brick.

Make a lasting tribute to family, friends or colleagues by personalizing a brick in their honor. Your contribution will help “Pave the Way” for ongoing park improvements. A 4”x8” brick is \$75.00

For more information please contact Sue Mikula at 816-252-4413 ext. 1302, or pick up a brochure at the Public Works or City Hall buildings.

— Sue Mikula, Public Works Administrative Assistant

Parks & Recreation

COMMUNITY POTLUCK– The Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual Community Potluck on November 8. We will provide turkey and dressing, 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.

MAYOR’S TREE LIGHTING– Saturday, December 3. Festivities start at 5:30 p.m. For decades, the Christmas tree and Holiday decorations have stood as a holiday beacon. From the beginning, the Tree was a gathering place and reflection of what was happening in the world around it. This year the City would like to invite you to come be a part of the annual tree lighting. The Mayor will turn the switch at 6:00pm the Tree will be displayed at Well’s Park Sterling and Gill St. The children will have a chance to visit with Santa and receive a special gift, Hot Dogs, Drinks, Wagon Rides, music, will be provided. What a great way to start the holiday Season with family and friends.

MAYOR’S TREE DECORATIONS– Make a small decoration for the Mayor’s Tree and deliver it to City Hall, 103 S. Sterling, Attn: Connie Dickinson, before November 30 and we will display them on the tree for the holiday season. PLEASE NOTE: these will be displayed outside and non-returnable.

— Connie Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Police Department

CHIEF’S CHAT– The Sugar Creek Police Department would like to announce two new full time 911 dispatchers, Lisa Emery and Ashley Salyer. We welcome them to the Sugar Creek Police family. Sugar Creek currently has 5 full time 911 dispatchers and several part time. The 911 dispatcher is the unsung professional of the emergency response. These professionals, gather information from callers, dispatch the appropriate first responders to the call, they are able to take control of a situation that may be chaotic, heart-wrenching, stressful confusing and frenzied. I appreciate all our 911 Dispatchers do to assist the citizens, Firefighters and Police Officers we truly have professionals working for us.

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 a Cop for November will be Saturday, November 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Sterling Bowl.

AUGUST CRIME STATS:

Assaults.....	3
Burglary.....	1
Disturbance	16
Fraud	3
Larceny	19
Drug charges	13
Destruction of property and/or vandalism.....	5
Missing persons/runaway.....	2

— Christopher Soule, Sugar Creek Police Chief

FILING FOR APRIL 4, 2017 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Filing opens Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. for the April 4, 2017 Municipal General Election. Filing closes on January 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Offices to be voted on at the election and fees for filing are as follows: **Mayor – \$60.00; City Marshal – \$45.00; Alderman, First Ward – \$40.00; Alderman, Second Ward – \$40.00.** All offices are four-year terms. All candidates filing for the above offices will be listed on the ballot for the April 4, 2017 on a first come first served basis. For more information, contact the City Clerk at 816-252-4400, ext. 1128 or jdickerson@sugar-creek.mo.us.

— Jana Olivarez-Dickerson, Sugar Creek City Clerk

CITY'S NEW ATTORNEY

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the county's tax levies three separate times and still managed to give out employee pay raises in all 13 years he was in office.

Sanders oversaw the highly successful renovations at Arrowhead and Kauffman stadiums, the expansion of the Eastern Jackson county courthouse, and the effort to restore and save the historic Truman courthouse. All of those major projects were done on time, came in under budget, and exceeded expectations. Sanders also was unanimously elected as the chair of the Missouri Democratic Party, where he helped in the efforts to win five out of the six statewide offices open that year.

He spearheaded passage of Jackson County's first ever, comprehensive Code of Ethics, making Jackson County government more ethical and transparent.

In 2014, Sanders entered into an historic Memorandum of Understanding with the Union Pacific Railroad giving our community exclusive rights to use the Rock Island track as a trail and transit corridor. This corridor has the potential to connect our entire community through rail transit and spur hundreds of millions of dollars in private investment.

Sanders' leadership has not gone unrecognized. The winner of numerous local and national awards, he was also selected in 2008 by the prestigious Aspen Institute to serve as a Fellow in its National Rodel Public Leadership Exchange Program.

Sanders and his wife, Georgia, live in Independence and have been married 19 years. They have two sons John, 13, and Patrick, 10.



SENIORS CAN HITCH A RIDE WITH CITY TAXI

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, 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 appointment.

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.

Sugar Creek Fire Dept. Recognizes One Of Their Own

This past month the Sugar Creek Fire Department had an annual dinner where the reserves and volunteers that work and help out with the fire department are recognized for their service to the City of Sugar Creek.

Bill Brown has been with the department for 25 years as a true volunteer. Bill is not a fireman he is an ET (Equipment Technician) but we call him an Extraordinary Technician as he keeps all of our small engines, fans, chainsaws in tip top running order. During the time we have a fire he will fill our SCBA bottles, get water or do whatever he needs to do to help us out. After the fire he is back at the station cleaning saws, fan and then topping everything off with fuel to be ready for the next time. He keeps track of when the oils need to be changed and then comes down and changes them in the evening after his day has slowed down. Bill is the true meaning of a volunteer as he will not take any pay for what he does, we buy the parts and he maintains our equipment for us.

Again from all of us here at the fire station we Thank You Bill for what you do for us.



NEIGHBORLY NEWS

Life of Calderon Remembered

Patricia "Petra" Calderon, 85, of Sugar Creek, Mo., passed away Monday, Sept. 19, 2016.



Petra was born on February 22, 1931, in Cement City, Mo., to Juan and Manuela Calderon. She worked as a forklift operator and retired from Lipton Tea. After retirement she volunteered at several local hospitals. In her free time she enjoyed reading, word searches, crocheting and watching the Kansas City Chiefs. Most of all she loved time with her nieces and nephews.

Petra will be remembered by her son, Michael Calderon of Olympia, Wash.; sister, Lucy Villagran of Sugar Creek, Mo.; brother, John Calderon and wife, Lupe, of Independence, Mo.; sister, Lydia Powell and husband, Tom, of Independence, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.



At the library... NOVEMBER 2016

computer classes

Computer Basics— Tuesday, November 1 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, November 8 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, November 15 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, November 22 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, November 29 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, November 5 and Saturday, November 19 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, November 13 and Thursday, November 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, November 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

Craft— Wednesday, November 9 and Wednesday, November 30 at 4:00 p.m.

just for kids

Kid's Craft Activity— Wednesday, November 16 at 4:00 p.m. Join us for a coloring craft activity.

Building Block Books— Wednesday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m. Reading the Building Block Books.

MISSOURI RIVER EAGLE DAY DECEMBER 10 - 11:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

LaBenite Park, Sugar Creek, MO
(Just east of MO 291 bridge)

Registration is not required for the live eagle program and discovery stations. All ages welcome! Call Burr Oak Woods at 816-228-3766 to register for boat viewing on the Missouri River. Ages 8-17 must be accompanied by an adult on the boat.

Join us for a once in a lifetime experience as we bundle up on the Habitat Barge Healthy Rivers Partnership Boat and launch into the magnificent Missouri River for a chance to view bald eagles in their own habitat. Your family will love to visit the Eagle Discovery Stations and the

Live Eagle Programs presented by the Dickerson Park Zoo from Springfield, MO.

Don't miss out on this unique experience to learn more about one of America's greatest natural wonders and these magnificent raptors that call it home.



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November 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

911
252-7058

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
6	7	8 12:00 p.m. Community Pot Luck - Mike Onka Bldg. 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Building	9	10 7:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Public Hearing- - City Hall	11 REPUBLICAN'S DAY City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	12 8:30 a.m to 10:00 a.m. Coffee with Cops Sterling Bowl
13	14	15 6:00 p.m. Parks and Rec. Advisory Board Mtg, City Hall	16	17	18 Republic Refuse Pick-Up Detiquent date for utilities	19 Bob Ross Oil Painting Class
20	21	22 5:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Building	23	24 THANKSGIVING City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	25 THANKSGIVING City Hall and Public Works Offices Closed	26 Republic Refuse Pick-Up
27	28 6:30 p.m. Study Session 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting Past due notification date	29	30			

BE SURE TO REMEMBER...

CLUB WALK: Monday-Friday, 9-10 a.m. at the Sugar Creek gym
ZUMBA CLASS: Every Mon. & Wed., 6-7 p.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym - \$5.00/class