

# Sugar Creek Sweet Talk

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## SUGAR CREEK ELECTED OFFICIALS

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## Slavic Fest 2013: It's How We Cabbage Roll



The annual Sugar Creek Slavic Festival is here on June 7th and 8th, and this year everyone's invited to join in a new interactive competition that aims to bring even more fun and excitement. "Dancing is an important part of our Slavic heritage," says Festival organizer Debbie Ray. "This year, we're inviting people to celebrate in a fun new way with a dance we call the Cabbage Roll."

The "Cabbage Roll" is a dance created exclusively for the event. Festival fans can visit [www.slavicfest.com/roll](http://www.slavicfest.com/roll) to watch the official Cabbage Roll video, read the contest rules, and then record their own version of the Cabbage Roll with their friends to post online. The top three vote getters will perform live Saturday night at the Festival. Winners of the Cabbage Roll Dance off will receive cash and other prizes. The contest is sponsored by Strawberry Hill Povitica.

Another exciting Festival competition, the Sausage Eating Contest, is back to test the gastronomic will of kielbasa lovers. The contest will



crowd its champion on Friday night, and is sponsored by Peter May's House of Kielbasa. To sign up, visit [www.slavicfest.com/participate](http://www.slavicfest.com/participate).

According to Ray, the contests are examples of how the Festival has remained true to its traditional roots, while expanding the entertainment offering to add fun elements that younger audiences enjoy. "The sausage eating contest is a great example of an exciting event that

we hold each year," Ray said. "We also bring in exciting music groups, like Grammy nominee Alex Meixner who is back to headline the Festival this year."

Meixner will be joined by his mentor, Polka Hall of Fame Member Don Lipovac on Friday June 7.. Meixner closes out the Festival with his group on Saturday, June 8.

— See "Slavic Fest June 7 and 8" on page 4

# Abraham Mallinson Elementary School On Track To Be Ready For The Upcoming 2013-14 School Year

Students in grades Two through Five, Rejoice!

The new Abraham Mallinson Elementary School is on track to open in plenty of time for teachers to ready your classroom before the start of the coming 2013-14 school year!

According to Paul Loving, Building Official for the City of Sugar Creek, there will be light - thanks to the wonders of electricity throughout the building - and running water - thanks to indoor plumbing. Those

**“He was my hero. It would make him proud to know his name was on an elementary school.”**

— John Mallinson —

are two amenities that were uncommon when the school’s namesake, Abraham Mallinson, was walking around these parts in the mid-1800s.

Abraham Mallinson, a pioneer, was a strong advocate of education. According to grandson John:

“He knew the value of education, particularly for women. In those days, a woman having a profession was rare, but he made sure that

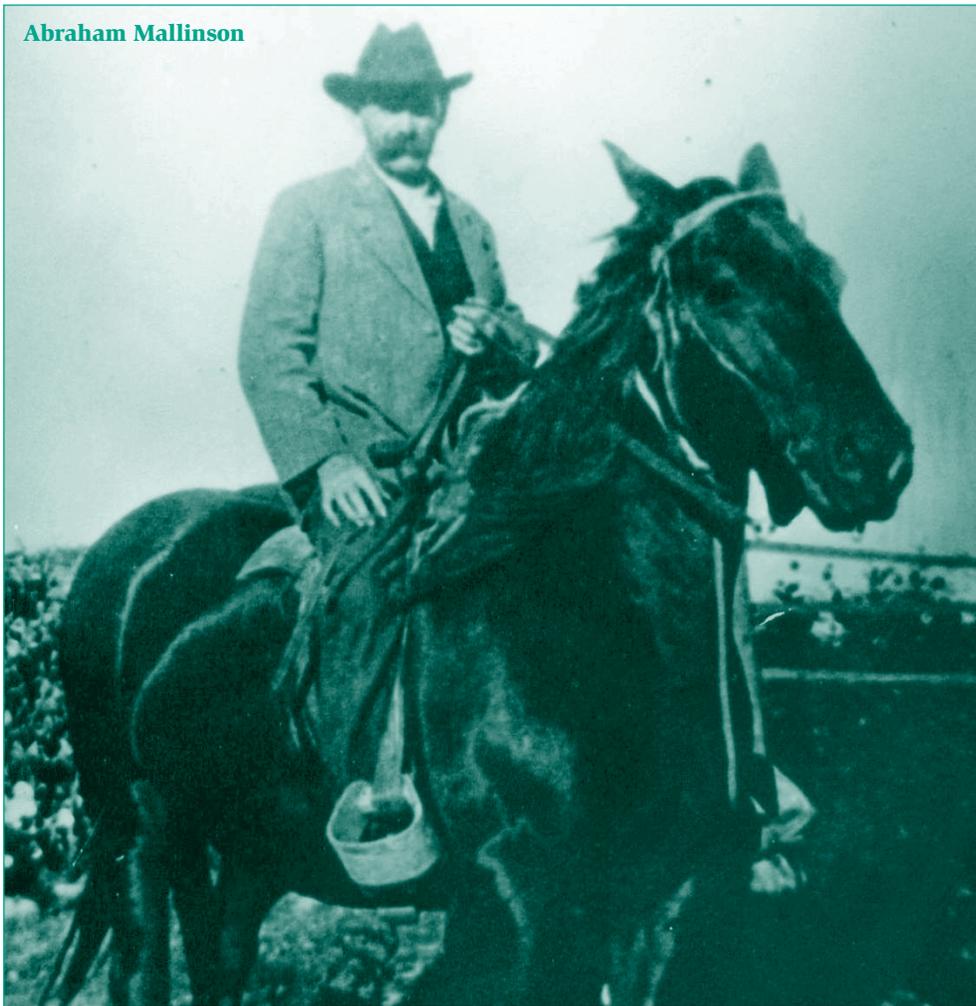
each of his children, including four daughters, received a quality education.”

Those women became teachers, back in the day.

The newest school in the Independence School District is at 709 N. Forest, which is on the southeast corner of North Forest and Silver Lane. Funding for the school comes from an \$85 bond issue passed in 2009.

The school will have room for about 450 second through fifth graders. Kindergarten and first grade, as well as pre-kindergartners, will remain at the current Sugar Creek

Abraham Mallinson



Elementary School building.

Crews are currently working on painting, flooring and the ceilings inside, and exterior lighting and parking lots on the north side of the building. Next will be parking to the west and the all-important playground.

Loving said the building is very attractive

inside and uses bright colors. There is an unusual ceiling in the cafeteria and hall outside the office that helps with the acoustics that students and parents just have to see.

Located on 17 acres on the north side of

— See “Elementary School To Open Soon” on page 4

## MALLINSON ELEMENTARY MASCOT RALLY!

**Thursday, June 6 • 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sugar Creek Elementary School**

Come see pictures of the new school, meet teachers, and learn about the mascot selection process for Mallinson Elementary. We will even have some special guests – familiar mascots from the area!

# NEWS FROM CITY DEPARTMENTS

## Public Works

**EXTRA BULKY REFUSE PICKUP**– The extra refuse pickup will begin on Monday, July 8th. It normally takes 5 to 7 working days to go through the entire city so please be patient with our crews. Refuse must be out by 7:00 a.m. July 9, but no earlier 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 vehicle.

**PROHIBITED LANDFILL ITEMS**– These items cannot be picked up with regular refuse collection on bulky item pickup.

- Liquid paints or dried paint cans
- Any type of Motor Oil
- Appliances
- Lead Acid Batteries
- Tires

If you have these items please contact Public Works Department at 816-252-4413.

**CURBSIDE RECYCLING INFORMATION**– When placing recycling in bins, please remember to not place any TRASH into the bins; the crews have come across many items that are not recyclable. Household waste, animal waste, and glass are a few items that have been found in the bins. Items to recycle include tin cans, newspapers, plastic #1-#7, cardboard, chip board (cereal box type), white paper, metal and aluminum cans.

**REMINDER**– City Ordinance Chapter 14, article II, Sec 14-17, Sec 14-18, and Sec 14-19 prohibits containers larger than 35 gallons to be used for storing residential household refuse. Containers shall not exceed more than 65lbs, and shall have handles as a lifting device.

The crews have been seeing more and more trash containers heavier than 65lbs. Trash containers heavier than 65lbs will NOT be emptied.

**YARD WASTE REMINDER**– Every Thursday:

- Place items in containers or Kraft bags.
- Containers cannot be over 65 Lbs.
- Cut, tie and bundle all brush into 4-foot lengths.
- Do not use wire to tie brush.
- Do not mix household refuse with yard waste.

**NO PLASTIC BAGS CAN BE USED TO PUT YARD WASTE IN.** Regular household refuse cannot be included in yard waste pickup. If regular solid waste is detected, yard waste will not be picked up.

**CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE**– The city wide garage sale will be held the Friday and Saturday following Labor Day weekend, September 6 and 7.

Residents will be able to hold a garage sale at their homes without a permit for this date only. Garage sale permits for other dates are issued at City Hall.

**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 embossed 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.

You can get a 4”x8” brick for just \$75.00

For more information please contact Sue Mikula at 816-252-4413 ext. 302, or pick up a brochure at the Public Works or City Hall buildings.

**SAVE THE DATE**– The July 4th concert will be held at Kaw Field starting at 8:00 p.m. with the Heritage Philharmonic. Fireworks to begin at dusk.

# July 4th

## Mike Onka Memorial Building

# Heritage Philharmonic

Music starts at 8:00 p.m.

Fireworks start at dusk

Bring your blanket and lawn chair

For information call 816-252-4413 ext 302

# SLAVIC FEST JUNE 7 AND 8

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Regardless of your ancestry, Ray says a visit to the Slavic Festival is a guaranteed good time. “The park setting, great entertainment, unbelievable food – it all adds up to one great time. We hope to see everyone there.”

The Slavic Festival would like to thank the City of Sugar Creek and the 2013 sponsors for helping make this year’s event possible – BP, Metcalf Bank, Missouri Arts Council, Central Plains Cement Company, Talon Companies, Foley Power Solutions, Republic Services, Bob and Jake Welch, and Wrabec Law, P.C.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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. Help is needed before, during and after the event. Check the schedule and contact information below.

## FOOD PREPARATION

Date: Monday, June 3  
 Times: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
 Activity: Prepare cabbage leaves  
 (bring paring knife & apron)

Date: Tuesday, June 4  
 Times: 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
 Activity: Prepare cabbage leaves  
 (bring paring knife & apron)

Date: Wednesday, June 5  
 Time: 12:30 p.m.  
 Activity: Peel and dice potatoes  
 (bring paring knife & apron)  
 Times: 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. & 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
 Activity: Make cabbage rolls

Date: Thursday, June 6  
 Times: 2 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Activity: Make cabbage rolls



## FRIDAY – JUNE 7

- Village Musicians (strolling)
- Ed Grisnik Group (dining hall) ..... 5:00 pm
- Children’s Costume Parade..... 6:30 pm
- Sugar Creek Kolo Kids ..... 7:00 pm
- Sugar Creek Ethnic Dance Troupe ..... 7:30 pm
- Kielbasa Eating Contest..... 8:00 pm
- Learn the Kolo ..... 8:30 pm
- Alex Meixner w/Don Lipovac ..... 9:00 pm

## SATURDAY – JUNE 8

- Village Musicians (strolling)
- Ed Grisnik Group (dining hall) ..... 3:00 pm
- Hrvatski Obicaj ..... 5:00 pm
- Sugar Creek Kolo Kids ..... 6:00 pm
- Sugar Creek Tamburitzans ..... 6:30 pm
- Sugar Creek Ethnic Dance Troupe ..... 7:45 pm
- Lifetime Achievement Awards ..... 8:15 pm
- Cabbage Roll Dance Off..... 8:30 pm
- Alex Meixner ..... 9:00 pm

## SERVERS & CASHIERS

Servers are also needed to serve meals during Festival hours on Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8. Please call Aimee for more information at (816) 254-4829

Cashiers and tickets sales volunteers needed during festival hours on Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8. Please contact Rosemary Dotson (816) 461-7806.

## FESTIVAL GROUNDS

Date: Thursday & Friday, June 6 & 7  
 Time: Any time  
 Activity: Set up grounds

Date: Sunday, June 9  
 Time: 9 a.m.  
 Activity: Clean up festival grounds

# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO OPEN SOON

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Sugar Creek, the new school has 55,000 square feet and features 16 classrooms spread over two wings, a gymnasium/cafeteria and kitchen. It is very much like – but not exactly like – the other new ISD elementary school, Blue Valley Elementary School in eastern Independence.

In fact, one thing that helped with the quick construction of the new school, said Loving, is the fact that the construction crews that built Blue Valley, came directly to Sugar Creek to work on Mallinson Elementary.

Susan Barnes will be the principal at the new school. The school

boundaries are complicated, but surrounded by Mill Creek, Bryant and Proctor to the east and Korte to the south and Fairmount to the west. The actual streets and neighborhoods can be seen on the ISD web site at [http://apps.isdschools.org/newschool/documents/Western\\_Elem\\_Boundaries\\_13-14.pdf](http://apps.isdschools.org/newschool/documents/Western_Elem_Boundaries_13-14.pdf)

When Abraham’s grandson, John Mallinson, sold the land to the Independence School District a few years ago, it was with the stipulation that the school would be named for Abraham.

“He was my hero,” Mallinson said. “It would make him proud to know his name was on an elementary school.”

Abraham is the great-grandfather of Sugar Creek’s new mayor, Matt Mallinson.

ACI Frangkiser Hutchens is the architect for the project. They are a well-known school architectural firm throughout the Midwest. J.E. Dunn is the general contractor.

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## June 2013 Calendar

City Hall Offices  
Public Works  
Parks & Recreation

252-4400  
252-4413  
252-4400, ext. 137  
[www.sugar-creek.mo.us/City\\_News.html](http://www.sugar-creek.mo.us/City_News.html)

Police or Fire Emergencies  
Non Emergencies  
252-7058

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday



**BE SURE TO REMEMBER...**

- CLUB WALK: Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 9-10 a.m. at the Sugar Creek Gym
- TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS: Bus service to residents, 60 years or older
- ZUMBA CLASS: Every Monday and Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m. at the Mike Onka Memorial Building. Cost is \$5.00 per class.

7 p.m. Sugar Creek Shockers Football – Kaw Field

|                       |                |   |                |                  |                            |  |
|-----------------------|----------------|---|----------------|------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 2                     | 3              | 4   | 5              | 6                | 7                          | 8  |
| Refuse Route 1        | Refuse Route 2 | Starlight Theater and Dinner on the Town  | Refuse Route 3 | Yardwaste Pickup |                            |  |
| 9                     | 10             | 11  | 12             | 13               | 14                         | 15   |
| Refuse Route 1        | Refuse Route 1 | Picnic in the Park<br>McCoy Park<br>6:30 p.m. Municipal Court Police and Fire Bldg. | Refuse Route 2 | Yardwaste Pickup |                            |  |
| 16                    | 17             | 18  | 19             | 20               | 21                         | 22   |
| Refuse Route 1        | Refuse Route 1 | Refuse Route 2  | Refuse Route 3 | Yardwaste Pickup |                            |  |
| 23                    | 24             | 25  | 26             | 27               | 28                         | 29   |
| Water Garden Bus Tour | Refuse Route 1 | Refuse Route 2  | Refuse Route 3 | Yardwaste Pickup | Past due notification date | 7 p.m. Sugar Creek Shockers Football – Kaw Field |
| 30                    |                |   |                |                  |                            |  |

SLAVIC FESTIVAL

5:30 p.m. SC Sugar Mamas  
*Delinquent date for utilities*

New Dinner Theater

# SLAVIC FESTIVAL 2013

*Experience two days of music, food, dance and fun at the Sugar Creek Slavic Festival. The 28th annual event is June 7 and 8, here are just some of the highlights:*

- Unique dance contest Want to win great prizes and great Slavic food? Record a video with friends of the “Cabbage Roll,” a dance choreographed for the Festival. The top vote getters will perform their dance Saturday and you can submit your video online. Learn more at the Festival website, [www.slavicfest.com](http://www.slavicfest.com).
- Grammy Nominee Alex Meixner had so much fun at last year’s festival he’s coming back, and he’s bringing his unique music and energy with him. Catch Alex both nights, and Friday he’ll be joined by teacher and mentor Don Lipovac, a legend in his own right as a member of the Polka Hall of Fame, Tamburitza Hall of Fame and more.
- Expanded entertainment featuring the Sugar Creek Tamburitzaans, Ethnic Dance Troupe, Kolo Kids, Hrvatski Obi aj, Ed Grisnik Group and more.
- Great food from sarma (cabbage rolls) and kielbasa to povitica and kolaches. Plus tasty beverages to wash it all down.
- Thrilling competition Claim the Sausage Royalty crown in our annual Kielbasa Eating Contest. It’s a fast action fight to the finish that only the strongest can conquer.
- Get your groove on Everyone will have the chance to learn one of the traditional Slavic kolo (circle) dances.
- Kids Zone activity area to entertain the little ones.
- Easy Access Free parking and free shuttles.



*Spread the word and tell your friends to join the fun at the Midwest’s premier celebration of Slavic heritage. Follow us on Twitter and like us on Facebook to get the latest updates about the event!*

*It’s how we (cabbage) roll!*

# NEIGHBORLY NEWS

## Kimak Will Be Missed



Marg Kimak, 90, of Sugar Creek, passed away on Monday, May 13, 2013 at Kingswood Senior Living Community.

Margaret was born November 22, 1922 in Kansas City, KS to Frederick Oliver and Mary (Emrich) Bittiker.

She was a beloved wife, mother and homemaker who enjoyed baking, sewing, traveling, gardening and most of all spending time with her family and friends. She supported her community and gave faithfully to her favorite groups including, Hillcrest Transitional Housing, Sugar Creek United Methodist Church and the Independence Rotary Club.

She is survived by three sons, Roy Hilliard III and wife Joyce of Independence, MO, Frederick Kimak of Edwards, MO and John Kimak and wife Nancy of Independence.

She will be missed by five grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family.



## At the library... JUNE 2013

### computer classes

**Computer Basics**— Tuesday, June 4 and Thursday, June 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, June 11 and Thursday, June 13 at 11:00 a.m. Learn what the Internet and your Internet browser can do for you! Class concentrates on the basics of online searches.

**Email Basics**— Tuesday, June 18 and Thursday, June 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.

**Facebook Basics**— Tuesday, June 25 and Thursday, June 27 at 11:00 a.m. What on earth is a Facebook and what am I supposed to do with it? Come to this class and find out! Facebook is a popular social networking site that allows you to connect with everyone. Join us and see if it is right for you.

### crafts

**Quilting For The People**— Saturdays, June 1, June 15 and June 29 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.

### activities

**Teen Creek After Hours**— Friday, June 14, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Be creative. Be loud. Be here! The Sugar Creek Library stays open late for Teens only on the first Friday of every month. Come and hang out – play on the computers, watch a movie, or just meet up with friends. Food and noise allowed!

**Kids Craft**— Tuesdays, June 4 and June 18 at 2:00 p.m. Join us on June 4 to make your very own Fairy or Elf House! Supplies will be provided. June 18, you can make your own sea turtle. For more information, call Christy at 816-701-3489.

**Family Movie**— Wednesdays, June 5 and June 19 at 2:00 p.m. Join us as for a special kid-friendly movie and enjoy a snack. Call Christy for movie details at 816-701-3489.

**Family Story Time**— Wednesdays, June 12 and June 26 at 3:30 p.m. Ahoy Matey! Join us at R.J. Roper Pavilion for a “pirate themed” story time on June 12 and on June 26. We will also be having a special story time presentation from the Sugar Creek Garden Club. Don’t forget to bring a friend, listen to a few stories, and make a craft.

**Teen Time Thursday**— Every Thursday at 4:00 p.m. It’s summer, and time to get busy reading! Come to the library for free activities to fight summer boredom.

**The Magic of Reading with Curtis Hed**— Friday, June 21 at 11:00 a.m. Curtis’s show includes magic, comedy, some juggling, and Duo the Dove. As for the show itself, it’s one of those rare presentations that is as enjoyable for the adults as it is for the kids.

Like one of those good kid movies where the kids enjoy the show on one level and the adults on another, only unlike a kid’s movie it’s live and it doesn’t have chase scene, a bad guy, or talking donkey.

## RIVERS OF LIVING WATERS CHURCH

215 N. STERLING AVE.

PASTOR LARRY KUHL 816-716-8755

*Rivers of Living Waters Church welcomes the community to worship with us each Sunday. We are located at 215 N. Sterling. Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m.*

*Worship service starts at 10:45 a.m. Join us for our annual Pancake breakfast on July 4th, starting at 8:30 a.m. Come and eat pancakes with us and then take in the Sugar Creek 4th of July parade. No fee, but donations are accepted.*

## SUGAR CREEK CHURCH OF CHRIST

10800 Kentucky, Sugar Creek, MO 64054

816-461-8721 | Minister: Troy Leland

[www.sugarcreekchurchofchrist.org](http://www.sugarcreekchurchofchrist.org)

*Please join us each Sunday: 9 a.m.; Bible Classes; 9:50 a.m. Worship; 11am Bible Class; Each Wednesday: 7pm Bible Classes followed by a Devotional.*

**JUNE 14-16: SERIES OF LESSONS & FELLOWSHIP**

## ST. CYRIL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

11231 Chicago St., Sugar Creek, MO 64054

(816) 252-9564 | [stcyrilparish.com](http://stcyrilparish.com)

Pastor Fr. Matthew Bartulica

*Please join us for Holy Mass Sundays at 9 a.m or 5 p.m. Confessions 30 minutes before Mass or by appointment. On the second and fourth Sundays, be sure to stay for coffee, donuts and Bible Study after 9:00 a.m. Mass!*

**Please visit the parish’s crepe booth and altar society’s bake booth at the Slavic Festival!**



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## PARKS AND RECREATION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES - JUNE 2013

■ **SUGAR CREEK SUGAR MAMAS:** Meet the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Call for more information and for location. This is open to all women who just want to get out and have a good time.

■ **PICNIC IN THE PARK – JUNE 11:** 12:00 p.m., held at McCoy Park. Come join us for our annual Picnic in the Park! Cost is \$5.00 per person and the meal will be provided.

■ **CLUB WALK:** Every Monday through Friday, held at the Sugar Creek Gym from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the community and walk for health.

■ **COMMUNITY STAR:** Do you know someone who has done an outstanding job? We would like to hear from you and do an article in the monthly newsletter about their achievements! This can be about any resident of Sugar Creek or a City of Sugar Creek employee.

■ **SENIOR STARS:** Sometimes older is better. Not only can you command respect from the younger generation, but you also garner discounts at retail stores, restaurants and movie theaters. We are accepting nominations for Sugar Creek Senior residents over the age of 80.

■ **ZUMBA FITNESS:** Every Monday and Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Held at the Mike Onka Building and taught by Licensed Zumba instructor Krystal Thompson. Cost is \$5.00 per class. PLEASE

NOTE: There will be no classes June 3 or June 5, 2013.

■ **NEW DINNER THEATER – JUNE 15:** \$38.00 per person; price includes: transportation, lunch, and the production of *Weekend Comedy*, starring Cindy Williams from *Laverne & Shirley*. We have reserved seats in Row 4 center stage for this production.

■ **WATER GARDEN BUS TOUR – JUNE 23:** Again this year we will visit several water gardens in the Kansas City area. \$20.00 per person, this includes your ticket and transportation. Pre-register by June 9.

■ **ANNUAL RED HAT DAZZLES AND DINING – JULY 18:** Held at Mike Onka Hall. Pre-register by July 11, 2013. Cost for luncheon \$12.00 per person.

■ **STARLIGHT THEATER & DINNER ON THE TOWN:** We will have tickets for the June 12 production of the musical *Catch Me If You Can*. at Starlight Theater. Parental guidance suggested – cost is \$8.00 per person. Price includes transportation and ticket to show. Dinner will be on your own. Limited Tickets available; register before June 7.

■ **YOUTH OF THE MONTH:** Open to all youth residents of Sugar Creek, ages K-18. Nomination forms can be picked up at City Hall.

■ **YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL:** Coming soon...Be sure to watch the Sweet Talk newsletter for dates.

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