

Dr. Sally Hubbard Walk to be held in Keytesville

The Keytesville Chamber of Commerce plans to hold a Walk honoring Dr. Sally Hubbard, MD. The event will last for nine weeks, and walkers will walk for approximately one mile between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. along a designated route. The walk will be held each Tues. and Thurs. beginning May 2 and concluding June 28 (Tues. and Thurs. of each of these weeks). The event will start each time at the Chariton County Court House proceeding along a designated route (the half way point being the childhood home of Sally Hubbard located on Bridge Street) in Keytesville.

Knowing that Missouri summers can be very hot, the event has been deliberately scheduled to begin on May 2 (a Tuesday) and will be occurring each Tues. and each Thursday thereafter until the final Walk is held on June 28. It is hoped that the weather will be pleasantly warm and participants can enjoy the lovely spring/early summer weather and being outdoors during part of their lunch hour while they are walking.

Organizers of this event aspire for the event to be a FREE event, a FUN event, and to also promote FITNESS. The sign up for the event will occur on May 2 at the Court House and participants must sign up at the designated table manned by Chamber of Commerce members. Midway through the route, cool drinks will be provided for the participants and at the conclusion of the first walk, gift bags will be awarded to each participant.

To encourage participants to keep walking for the remaining sessions, people who complete all 9 weeks (18 times), will have their names entered in a drawing and the prize will be a Fitbit. An appreciation lunch will also be held for all those who completed the 9 weeks.

Should rain be prohibitive on any of the scheduled days for the walk, the event will be cancelled for that day, but will be held per usual the next regularly scheduled day for the event. No make-up walks will be held, nor will participants be required to walk twice as far the next time the walk is held on a regularly scheduled day.

This event was planned by the Keytesville Chamber of Commerce as a way to give recognition to Dr. Sally Hubbard, MD, a 1955 graduate of Keytesville High School. Upon graduation from Keytesville High School, Dr. Hubbard first attended Christian College in Columbia, MO (now known as Columbia College) and then entered the University of Missouri in Columbia where she received her Doctor of Medicine degree.

Dr. Hubbard has lived for a number of years in Springfield, MO, where she worked at Missouri State University's Student Health Clinic. She retired from that position only a few years ago. During all her working life Dr. Hubbard has never forgotten her roots in Keytesville, and she continues to have a great love for her hometown. Recently Dr. Hubbard has established The Sneed-Hubbard Trust to help promote education, fitness, and projects that will benefit her hometown.

The members of the Keytesville Chamber of Commerce felt it was only appropriate for the organization to let Dr. Hubbard know that her generosity and kindness is very much appreciated. Therefore, the Dr. Sally Hubbard Walk is being started this year, with the hope that it will be a popular event and will become an annual tradition in Keytesville.

If you have questions about the Dr. Sally Hubbard Walk, feel free to call Laurinda Littleton at 660-288-3575, Janet Weaver at 660-288-3425, or Susan Littleton at 660-288-3116.