

Longton City Scene June 2012

Local Board Meetings

*Library – June 5 at 5pm

*Historical Society – June 7 at 5PM

*EV School Board – June 18 at 8pm

*City Council – June 12 at 7pm

*Fire Department – June 20 at 7pm

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Reminder: It is unlawful to allow grass/weeds to grow over 12" on your property, right-of-ways and alleys. For more info: Contact City Hall or you can view or download weed ordinance at www.cityoflongton.com



Longton Housing – Board

The Housing Board will have one board term up for appointment at their July Meeting. If you are interested in being appointed to the board, contact Gayle Schmidt, Housing Manager at 620-378-3911 or City Hall-620-642-2225.

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May 19, 2012 was a sad day for Longton. Brighton Hall was torn down. The building had become very unstable.

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Day Camp

June 12-14 at EV School in the multi-purpose room
Tuesday through Thursday – 8am to noon
Open to all 7 to 12 year olds

- ❖ Arts & Crafts
- ❖ Professional Art Teachers
- ❖ Outdoor water activities
- ❖ Games
- ❖ Snacks

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Longton Public Library

Summer also means the Longton Public Library's Summer Reading Program is here. We are doing things completely different this year and we hope to see everyone involved. The reading program will go on all summer, make sure to come get your reading record to keep track of how much you read, there will be prizes awarded at the end of the summer for the kids that read the most! We are having 3 different programs: Read to Me for ages infant to 5 years old. Keep track of how much time you read to your little ones! Ages 4 - 8 years old is going to be the "Dream Big - Read" program, and finally ages 9 - 12 years old will be in the "Own The Night" program. In addition, if any children read to younger siblings they get credit for the time read AND their sibling does as well! Again, those kids who read the most are eligible for prizes, and there will be certificates and small prizes for everyone who participates. We will have a program at the end of the summer to recognize those kids!

Instead of running for one full week, we will have arts and crafts and special activities every other Friday all summer long. The dates and times are below:

June 8th, June 22nd, July 6th, July 20th and August 3rd.

Times: Ages 9-12 from 1:00-3:00 PM

Ages 4 - 8 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM

You do not have to be here for the activities to participate! Reading is the main goal for the program, the activities are just for some extra fun! Make sure to pick up your reading record at the library today so that you can start earning credit for your reading.

If any adults are interested in forming a book club, please let me know as I would like to organize one at our library. Please call 642-6012 if you are interested and let's see what we can get started!

Centenarian recalls history of Longton ball field

Submitted by her daughter Bonnie Mustoe

The following is a bit of history about the Longton baseball diamond as remembered by Ruby Truitt who is 101 years old. The present ball park was built about 1938, in the city park which had been purchased in 1932. At that time, lights were installed which were suitable for softball and for several year there were both men's and women's softball teams.

After World War II, when Longton got new improved 400 candle watt power street lights, a group of civic minded men headed by Ben Truitt worked long and hard to make possible the installation of new baseball lights with 120,000 candle watt power.

The city donated \$2,500 for this project, but as this amount was insufficient to complete the lighting system, free will donation were made by the existing businesses in Longton.

Among the businesses donating funds were the Earl Maham Garage; Al Hasting's Card Parlor; Dame's Hardware; John Fitzgibbon's Grocery; Albright Drug Store; Bess Harris's Longton Café; Ramsey's Grocery; Mason's Grocery; Paul Rice's Bakery; KG & E- Byron Hare, manager; Roy Crawford's Service Station; Baxter Lumber Co.- Clarence Foster, manager; George Barnes Motor Co.; Margery Dexter's Beauty Shop; Hope Frank's Cafe; Merle Hite's Mercantile; Home State Bank- Clarence Russell and Everett Moore, officers; Earl Dexter's Café; Al Malloy's Pool Hall; Al Atchison's Hamburgers; Crumrine Funeral Home; Longton News- Lawrence "Bunny" Clark, Publisher; and others.

The poles were probably donated by KG & E and many of their employees came over and worked on the project on weekends alongside of many Longton volunteers.

The dedication of the new baseball park was held in August of 1949. Ben Truitt was the manager of the Longton Baseball team, Clarence Foster was base couch, and Lawrence (Bunny) Clark was the score keeper. The Elgin, Kan., Baseball Club with Mac Boulinger as manger was selected as opponents for the dedication. Mr. Warren Edmundson, local high school music teacher, furnished a musical program and helped "Bunny" Clark as master of ceremonies over the public address system. It was a very exciting evening with Longton coming out as the winner. The lights were better than lights of any ball park for miles around, including Independence.

(Due to lack of space, the rest of the story will be printed in next month's City Scene)

