

NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

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Marquee sends encouragement

The marquee which was posted alongside MacArthur in the current construction area, confirms the vision coming soon. Thanks to this establishment for your encouragement.



Warr Acres judge says court is for the citizens

(excerpt from *Oklahoma Cities & Towns*, June 2006)

Judge Larry G. Cassil presides over the Warr Acres Municipal Courts. As sitting judge since 1966, Cassil believes he is the longest sitting municipal judge in the State of Oklahoma. In the 40 years he has been Warr Acres Municipal Judge, he says "Nobody has ever tried to fire me." Court is held in the council chambers of the Warr Acres City Hall. Mike Speegle and Leamon Freeman also serve as judges in Warr Acres. Judge Mike Speegle arraigns while Cassil approves or declines settlements offered by Prosecutor Luke Simms. Court Clerk Connie Oxley and the Assistant Court Clerk, Jamie Jones, assist the court process. Jones sits near Judge Speegle, who presides over the arraignment docket.

Cassil served as a member of the Oklahoma Municipal Judges Association for several years as both president and board member. He is an Administrative Hearing Judge and training instructor for CLEET. He enjoys working with police officers, saying they are a "good bunch" of people. He teaches them not to argue with him in the courtroom, saying he wouldn't argue with them if they gave him a ticket. That lesson is a tough one. And he admonishes them never to lie in a courtroom.

He praises the Warr Acres police. "They are excellent!" Some portions of the law he doesn't agree with but he enforces it. Sometimes even the council passes a law he does not agree with, but he enforces it because it is the law. Cassil philosophizes that municipal court exists for the citizens. He explains the municipal court is the lowest court in Oklahoma, and most people with any court experience get it in municipal court. "It is the court of impression." It was not purposed to be a revenue producer for the city. The City of Warr Acres is proud to have such a distinguished judge presiding over our courts and congratulates him on his 40 years of service to our city. Thank you, Judge Cassil.

For the 2007 Centennial Celebration Warr Acres is bloomin' yellow!

A group calling themselves "The Citizens for a Better Warr Acres" is launching a Centennial Project in anticipation of the state-wide celebration. The committee is accepting donations in any amount to buy 50,000 daffodil bulbs for the citizens and businesses to plant in their front yards to bloom in the spring of 2007. Ten bulbs will be bagged and given out at City Hall to each resident or business owner to be planted in November in their front yards. The daffodils will also be planted in the median on N.W. 39th Expressway and on all city property by our Streets & Parks Department. If you would like to participate in this "Bloomin' Project," please send all donations to: Centennial Project, Attn: Mayor, 5930 N.W. 49th Street, Warr Acres, OK 73122-4123. Please make checks to: Citizens for a Better Warr Acres. You will be hearing more about this project in the near future. **THINK YELLOW!!**

Share-A-Fare comes to Warr Acres

Good news for senior citizens.... Warr Acres is now participating in the Metro Transit's Share-A-Fare Program. If you are a senior citizen over 60 or disabled, you can buy a book of coupons to use at a discounted rate when you ride a bus or take a cab. To buy a book, please call Traci Lucas at the Warr Acres Community Center @ 789-9892.

Helpful Phone Numbers

City Hall	789-2892
Fax	787-5432
Police Department	789-3329
Fire Department	789-5912
Animal Control	789-9025
Municipal Court	495-3032
Inspections & Permits	789-2892
Sanitation Department	491-6474
Streets & Parks	787-1404
Sewer Department	491-6478
Community Center	789-9892
Putnam City Schools	495-5200

City Council Members

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Ward 1

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Ward 2

Nancy Olson
Stewart Shapiro

Ward 4

Michael Gossman
Rodney Nelson

Storm Shelters

Storm shelters are available at the following locations for citizens who are away from home when severe weather threatens the City of Warr Acres.

Cherokee Hills Park

NW 67th & Cherokee

Grandma's Park

NW 40th West of MacArthur

City Hall

5930 NW 49th

Leo Mayfield on Warr Acres

Former superintendent of Putnam City Schools, Leo Mayfield (pictured with Warr Acres' Mayor Marietta Tardibono), graciously allowed us an interview recently. There is a common agreement that a "Mr. Putnam City Schools" can be none other than Leo C. Mayfield, 93, active, alert, and still interested in all things concerning Putnam City Schools. He



is a walking encyclopedia of Putnam City Schools lore. Leo Mayfield had begun his career with Putnam City in 1940 as a teacher at Putnam City High School, teaching history, English and journalism. Almost immediately, he became the junior high principal, served for two years, and then was called to war. He recalled, "When I came to Putnam City, the school was quite a ways out. The Interurban still serviced the area, and Highway 66 ran in front of the school. The entire enrollment was about two to three thousand."

Returning to teach in 1945 after three years of service in the U.S. Coast Guard, Leo also temporarily filled in as bus driver and sponsored the school newspaper, *The Pirate Log*. Soon another upward shift in administration opened up the position of high school principal, which Leo accepted and held for 17 years. "I served a total of 58,000 days in the Putnam City School system," Mr. Mayfield proudly stated. The Class of '49 had 114 graduates and at the end of 1950 there were 19 teachers in the high school.

Before becoming superintendent, he was involved in providing the new Putnam City "Original" High School for a first graduating class in 1959. Projecting graduating classes with more than 1,000, in the mid-1960s, Superintendent Mayfield headed the team that opened Putnam City West High School in 1968 and Putnam City North High School in 1978.

When asked to tell us of any interesting stories, his face broke out in a big smile as he recounted the time when the students brought Mr. Kirkland's horse into the auditorium. We had a good laugh and teased him about his great sense of humor. Congratulations to Superintendent Emeritus, Leo C. Mayfield, on your 35 years in the Putnam City School system.

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