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To the attention of:

Michael Whitaker
City of Billings Parks, Recreation and Public Lands Director

In the mid-1950's, Mr. Cecil Musburger initiated a letter to Little League Baseball requesting information concerning the chartering of a Little League in Billings, Montana.

Based upon the information he received, Mr. Musburger applied for and received a charter packet to become affiliated with Little League Baseball, Inc. This action began a partnership with Little League Baseball for the past 60+ years. At the present time, there are over 5,000 boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 18 participating annually in what is now called Montana District 1 Little League Baseball and Softball.

The highlight of Mr. Musburger's vision occurred in 2011 with the participation of Big Sky Little League in the Little League World Series at Williamsport, MA and their tremendous run at a World Series title. They were the first, and are still the only Montana team to ever win a Regional Tournament and participate in the World Series.

Mr. Musburger has not been recognized for his efforts to bring and participate in Little League Baseball. Montana District 1 Little League believes it would be appropriate to honor him and his efforts by naming the new baseball field at Centennial Park in his honor, Musburger Field. This field is presently known as the Big Field at Centennial Park.

The action for naming a facility in a City Park would fall under Article IV, 4, c – providing outstanding public service for the good of the community in regard to parks, trails, or open space.

Montana District 1 Little League would like to place a sign with the name, Musburger Field, on the north side of the scoreboard at Centennial Park.

We hope you would agree this request is appropriate and would be a good fit in this park for the man who was responsible for bringing Little League Baseball to Billings.

Thank you for this consideration.

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Beartooth Little League - Boulder-Arrowhead Little League - Big Sky Little League - Burlington Little League
Central Giants Little League - Coal Country Little League - Granite Peak Little League - Heights Little League - Laurel Little League
Lockwood Little League - Project Little League - Roundup Little League - Riverside Little League - Shepherd Little League