Tea Town USA Celebration at Spring Hill Park

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Longview will celebrate the Tea Town USA title from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, at Spring Hill Park, 738 Fenton Rd. The celebration is sponsored by McAlister's Deli and The Saxton Group. The event will include sandwich boxes available for sale, with 100% of the proceeds going to Longview parks. The celebration will also include free tea.

Longview is Tea Town USA thanks to the efforts of local residents during a contest sponsored by McAlister's Deli. As the winning town, McAlister's is donating $5,000 for park improvements. The Saxton Group, the owners of the Longview McAlister's, is donating an additional $5,000 as well. As part of the contest, McAlister's across the nation competed to earn the most points for their community by garnering votes online and participating in other activities. Longview received 35,422 points, which was more than the 2nd and 3rd place communities combined.

The money will be used to expand the Neal McCoy Playground at Spring Hill Park, which will be universally accessible for children of all ages and abilities. The playground improvement is a cooperative project between the City of Longview and Longview AMBUCS TOO.

On the day after the celebration, Wednesday, August 18, the Neal McCoy playground at Spring Hill Park will close to allow construction to begin. The project will provide new playground features, add accessible safety surfacing, and increase the total size of the playground. The construction is expected to last approximately six to ten weeks. Later, the City plans to construct a restroom facility as well.

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