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The Parks of Barnes

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## The North Park.....



The first documentation of the Carnival in Barnes is in this picture dated July 1908 and titled as the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual. It was held at the North Park in Barnes and was well known for many years as the place to gather. The North Park was given to the Barnes Park Assoc. in October 1888 by John Bookwalter, with the stipulation that it be used as a public park. The City of Barnes, Barnes Lion's Club, Playground Committee, and community members maintain and improve the park.



The "Avenue of Trees" originally formed an X, planted from each corner of the park & forming an alleyway for horse and foot traffic. The southeast exit is the most intact with some of the original trees and the beautiful native rock entrance.



The Gazebo was located near the water fountain along the avenue of trees.

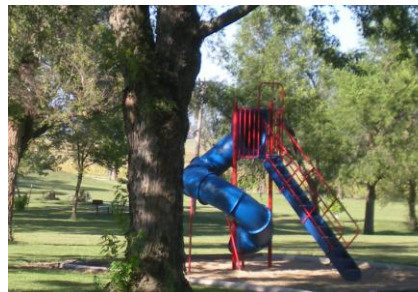
**Barnes Old Home Days & Threshing Bee** was held during the 1980's and saw the North Park again the center of activity, with antique tractors, threshing, music, & more



The Ballfield was renovated as a memorial to Jerry Savage. As with many of the activities of small towns, volunteers make it all work.



And the volunteers are still at work... The newest addition to the North Park is a tube slide purchased by the "Barnes North Playground Committee"



which was formed in 2007 with the goal of establishing a fun, safe, and updated environment for the children to play. The Barnes Lions club assisted in the installation. The group continues fundraising, with a costume party & dinner planned in October.



The I.O.O.F. Park was established on the north end of Center Street in the late 1890's on land donated by J.R. Tripp & developed by A.H. Dearborn & E.K. Wolverton, The fountain was added in 1920.



The Bandshell was built as a WPA project in 1940 and was dedicated to Percy Davis who was instrumental in it's construction.



The Lion Club poured the cement basketball court and the youth helped to restore the fountain in 2003. The I.O.O.F. Park is a favorite place to kids to gather, and is the setting for "Music in the Park"



Local Musicians love the Bandshell for the perfect acoustics that it provides. It is the smallest band shell in the State of Kansas.

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Marilyn & Ronald Laflen and Tim & Christy Harlan are the “Master Gardeners” who have designed and care for the park, along with a number of volunteers that help with the mowing and trimming.



The Lights in the Park were purchase by individuals as memorials to loved ones.



In 2010 two more memorials blessed our community with the donations of a playset from the family of Kaden Clark, and the Pavilion from the family of Charlie Hern.



Recent donations and items on loan at the Museum have been received from:

- LaVerne Benteman
- Faye Savage
- Georgia Ann Oelschlager
- Carolyn Moore
- Cindy Hiesterman
- Gene Wanamaker Family
- Tom & Midge Toombs
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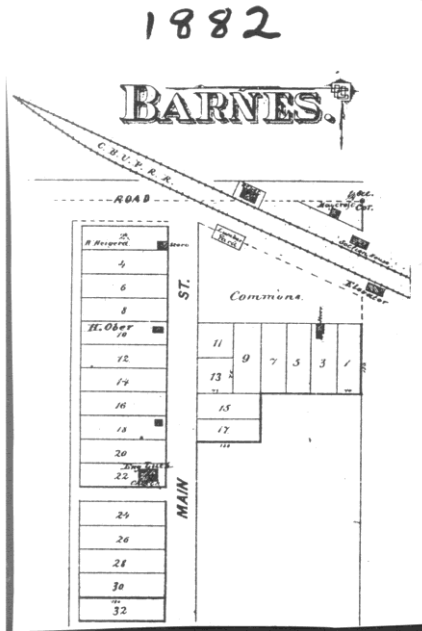
## The Commons and the..... “Historic King Post Bridge”

In the early days when Barnes was first established, the main part of the town was on the south side of the tracks along what is now called Oshkosh Street or as it was referred to as “The Commons”. This is where the trading was done when the farmers would come into town, with close access to the railroad.

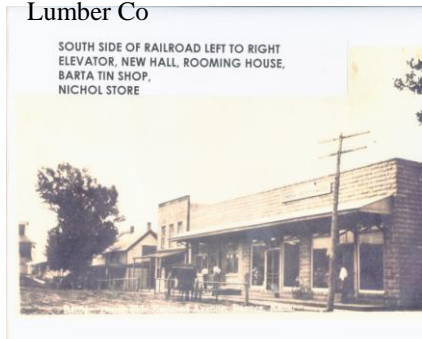


A Sign Welcoming you to Barnes beacons visitors off Highway 9 into our little town and behind it along the original Commons is where the Historic King Post Bridge will find it’s home once it is in place. The sign was a project of the Barnes Lion’s Club and landscaping was added by local Master Gardeners.

Erected circa 1900, the Washington County King Post Bridge, originally located 4.5 miles southeast of Barnes on All American Road and .3 miles east on 5th road was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1990. Since the bridge was no longer used and the road no longer maintained, the county commissioners offered the bridge to the City of Barnes. The City Council agreed to accept the bridge. The bridge was moved into Barnes, with plans to place it on the southwest corner of the intersection of Kansas Highways 9 and 148 and Center Street over an existing drainage ditch as a walking bridge. The approval for the placement was received from the Department of the Interior, National Park Service in 2008. The City plans to apply for a grant to help with the future placement of the bridge The King Post is one of the oldest truss designs, serving well in many medieval buildings. As is evident they served as well as bridges into the 20th century. Its simplicity also establishes its limit. As the length increases so must the height, at the same ratio. In Kansas only eight King Posts still exist, with six of the remaining bridges located in Washington & Phillips counties.



The “Commons Area” still preserves three of the original buildings. The original Nichols Store, the Barta Tin Shop, and behind them, the Solt Lumber Co



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