

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Independence Day, and what could be more American than a Little League Baseball All-Star game, followed by a cookout? Forty-six years ago, City Council was making decisions for the future of Elmhurst, despite protests, York track was a team to be reckoned with and EMH was busy taking care of the 48,000th baby born there! Soon thoughts would turn to a summer vacation and supplying that trip would be a cinch, given all the stores in Elmhurst.

Happy Independence Day from This Week in Elmhurst History. Please be safe while driving.

July 1, 1962:

The York Track Club, coached by Joe Newton, won six points

in the B'nai B'rith meet held in Chicago. Jay Weintraub took second in the 75-yard dash with an 8.2 second time. Ray Menzel, Jim Corzatt, Ralph Viscarello and Weintraub took second in the 220-yard relay with a time of 23.5 seconds.

July 2, 1962:

Despite protests, petitions and the attendance of 70 concerned residents at the City Hall to express their disapproval, the City Council voted 10 to 1 to change zoning in the southeast portion of Elmhurst. The zoning change, from multiple dwelling and single family residential to light industrial/commercial, was intended to allow a chemical company headquarters and



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laboratory to locate in the area. Mayor Charles Weigel supported the measure, claiming a \$7 to \$12 million sewer project was 'coming up' and Elmhurst needed to expand its tax base so the City could 'obtain the things we need.'

July 3, 1962:

It was Tuesday, just one more day until the big Fourth of July celebration. Folks who put off shopping for the cookout could hit National Food Store (Motto: "Just Can't Beat That National Meat") at York & Butterfield. A 20 oz. package of Swift all-beef burgers was just 99 cents. Two

pounds of skinless Hillside hot dogs was 79 cents. Sirloin steak was 89 cents a pound. Potato salad was 59 cents for a two-pound cup. Twenty-pound bags of charcoal sold for 85 cents. Coca Cola was 53 cents for '8 king-sized bottles' and potato chips were 49 cents for a one-pound box. A dozen ears of sweet corn was 59 cents, and whole watermelons were just 69 cents each.

July 4, 1962:

The big event this Independence Day was the annual Elmhurst Little League All-Star game between the National and American League teams held at Elm Field (West Ave. south of the IC tracks). The American League team was made up of: Gary Blake, Chuck Purdom, Tom Ude, Don Bozovsky, Randy Meyer, Larry Snyder, John Gellinger, Jack Derring, Bob Newman, Bob Cote, Jim Schumacher, Chuck Rizzo, Jay Rundle, Terry

Gurgone, Doug Benbow, Dave Niemaeyer, Billy Herman, Doug Johnston and Ralph Petrine. The Nationals were: Joe Rudis, Larry Marucci, Cliff Dyer, Bob Wendt, Randy Larson, Jim May, Jim Krejcir, Doug Fisher, Mike Wilkinson, Bruce Alley, Tom Marcotte, Chris Schweer, Bruce Ingram, Steve Zeffield, Bob Cozzi, Mike Russo, John Olson, Jim Torcum and Bob Frazee. The Am's beat the Nats 5 to 3. Highlights included SS Larry Snyder snagging a 'screamer' off the bat of Doug Fisher with bases loaded in the eighth inning, preserving the Am's 5 to 3 lead. Bob Wendt hit a two-run homer for the Nats in the second inning, and Jim Torcum had a solo shot in the third to account for the national's scoring. Close one!