

THE WEEK IN HISTORY

MacArthur park

The Onondaga Historical Association looks back at the week in local history:

72 Years Ago: In March of 1942, Syracuse's Municipal Stadium was renamed Douglas MacArthur Stadium after the famous World War II general. The stadium was built in 1934 and had an original capacity of approximately 8,500 people. It was known for having one of the deepest center field fences in minor league baseball with a distance of 434 feet. MacArthur stadium was the home of the Syracuse Chiefs baseball team almost continually from 1934 to 1997, when the stadium was torn down and the spot turned into a parking lot for the new P&C Stadium (now NBT Bank Stadium).

— *Daniel Connors of the OHA*