Bannon, Lorraine. “City to have Traditional 4th of July - on July 5,” Evanston Review, July 1, 1982

The 4th of July (Sunday) in Evanston will be celebrated on the 5th (Monday).

Outside of the date, almost everything else will be traditional - the 2 p.m. parade, the after-dark fireworks and the morning sports events.

Something new, however, In pre-fireworks entertainment is coming to town. Harvey Phillips, the music man from Indiana University who tours the United States touting the tuba, will lead a band of volunteer tuba players in a concert at 7:30 p.m. outside Dawes House (Evanston Historical Society), 225 Greenwood St.

Starting off the day's activities will be 8 a.m. finals of the annual Independence Day tennis tournament at Ackerman Park, Central St. at McDaniel Av Spectators are welcome

FROM 9 A.M. UNTIL noon there will he races, frisbee throws, egg tosses and pie-eating and watermelon-eating contests at four locations: Willard School, 2700 Hurd Av.; Lincolnwood School, 2600 Colfax St.; Fleetwood-Jourdain (Foster) Field, Simpson St. and Ashland Av.; and Crown Park. Main St and Dodge Av. Admission is free

Just a few minutes before the 2 p.m. Central St parade, youngsters 7 to 14 will race in the Fun Run along the parade route, starting from Central Park Av. Ribbons will be awarded and first-placers in each of eight age and sex categories will ride in the parade.

Entry fee is $1. T-shirts will be given to the first 100 who register. Sign-ups are being taken through Saturday at Kitworks, 1020 Davis St.

As of Monday, there were 109 entrants in the "Futuristic 4th" parade to be led by the Evanston Police Dept.'s color guard and Officer Friendly. Close behind Will he Boy Scout Troops 24 and 26 pulling the Liberty Bell replica.

With the tuba taking honors in this year's celebration; Arnold Jacobs, tubist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, will serve as honorary marshal. He will ride in the parade, as will Phillips.

Seven bands and six drum and bugle corps will march. They include the offbeat Fabulous All-America Marching Drum and Bugle Corps and the Evanston Marching Kazoo Band.

Festivities will resume at 7:30 p.m. outside Dawes House on the lakefront when tuba master Phillips leads the tubist band in music from Bach to Lennon, and in a few patriotic marches.
Tuba players of any age who would like to join the band may contact Edward Hawley, celebration manager, at 866-9542.

Hawley suggests that spectators bring radios and tune in to station WNUR (89.3-FM) so that those who are out of the sound system range can hear the concert.

WNUR WILL BROADCAST the day's activities and announce the parade winners that evening.

Fireworks will be shot off from Clark St. beach after dark, and can be viewed from almost anywhere along the Evanston lakefront.

In case of rain the fireworks will be canceled. However, the parade is scheduled, rain or shine. According to Hawley, it has never rained on the Evanston parade.

The 4th of July Assn., sponsor of the annual celebration, is spending $12,000 on Fireworks including necessary insurance.

Cost of the entire day's activities will come to about $22,000. Hawley said, and will be paid for from three sources a recent fund raising drive, program book ads and sales, and income from the association's trust fund.

The celebration committee will turn to the public Monday with its plea for funds. Volunteers will sell program books at 50 cents each along the parade route.