



The Record

24th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes and Live Auction Coming April 26

Upcoming Events



Fridley History Center Open House

Saturday, March 22
11 a.m.—3p.m.
Free admission

Parks & Recreation Conversation

Tuesday, April 8
7 p.m., at the
Fridley History Center
Refreshments will be served

Fridley History Center Open House

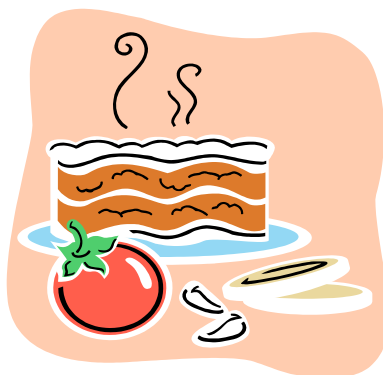
Saturday, April 12
11 a.m.—3p.m.
Free admission

Lasagna Dinner & Sweepstakes

Saturday, April 26, 5 p.m.
American Legion Hall
(No History Center open house)

What's It Worth Antique Appraisal Event

Saturday May 3, 1- 4 p.m.
At the
Fridley History Center



Our main fundraiser of the year, The Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes and Live Auction, will be Saturday, April 26, 5:00 p.m. at the Fridley American Legion Post, 7365 Old Central Ave. There is parking behind the building, off of Onondaga St. The doors will open at 4:15 p.m. Everyone is required to register as they come in.

Marino's will cater the dinner of lasagna, salad, garlic bread, coffee and punch. A cash bar will be available. Come for evening of fun, good company and tasty food!

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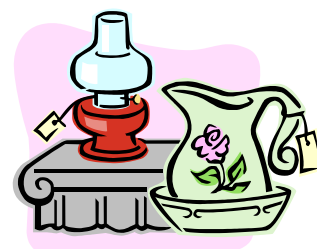
Parks & Recreation Conversation

Learn about Fridley parks and recreation from the early days of our community to the present, Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m. at the History Center, 611 Mississippi Street. Learn why our parks and recreation department was given a high rating in a recent community survey. Jack Kirk our present director of the department and Dick Donlin the first director will be here. Jack recently received a state award for his long and distinguished service. Bob Barnette, Don Holum and Walt Wenholz will also be here. They all have stories to inform and entertain us. Light refreshments will be served. This is a free event.

"What's It Worth:" Appraisal Event

Mark Moran, the author of over 25 books on antiques and collectibles, and who has appraised for "The Antiques Roadshow," will be at the Fridley History Center on Saturday, May 3, 1—4 p.m. to appraise your antiques and collectibles. The cost of each appraisal is \$15. He will also conduct in-home appraisals for \$75 an hour. Appointments and prepayments are required. Please leave a message at the History Center, 763-571-0120, for more information or to request an appointment.

You are welcome to come and watch the proceedings for no charge. Refreshments will be served. It should be an exciting afternoon.





Fridley Historical Society

Board & Committees

The Board of Directors meets at the History Center on the first Thursday of every month at 4 p.m.

Officers

President	Dorothy Gargaro
Vice President	Mary Ann Hoffman
Secretary	Grace Norton
Treasurer	Judy Anderson

Other Board Members

Pete Bonesteel
Mary Sue Meyers
Allen Taylor

Committees & Chairpersons

Members interested in attending a committee meeting, please call the Chair to confirm time and date.

Archives

Pete Bonesteel — 763-572-1009

City & Family History

Dorothy Gargaro — 763-792-1080

Finance

Judy Anderson — 763-767-2566

Fundraising

Allen Taylor – 763-422-3878

Hall of Fame

Allen Taylor – 763-422-3878

Maintenance Committee

Rick Hitt

Membership

Mary Ann Hoffman—763-780-5911

Newsletter & Public Relations

Grace Norton—763-571-9286

Programs & Events

Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting

Thursday, February 6, 2014

Members present: Judy Anderson, Pete Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro, Mary Ann Hoffman, Mary Sue Meyers, Al Taylor and Grace Norton

President Gargaro called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

New Business: Developing a new website

Taylor introduced a guest, Jodee Kulp. Jodee is developing a website for the Fridley Historical Society. The address will be FridleyHistoricalSociety.com We inquired what she would charge and she gave a choice of prices and services. Meyers made a motion that we should pay her \$500 which would include training the Board in how to maintain the site. Hoffman seconded the motion and it was passed by the Board

Committee Reports:

Fund Raising: Taylor said that he had sold some of his books, “The Hidden Revealed,” and some “Fridley: Its History and People,” books at Bob’s Produce. He wrote a check for a \$100 to the Historical Society.

The same rooms as last year are reserved at the Fridley Community Center for the 2014 Hall of Fame Luncheon on November 1

AugustFest is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13

Membership: Hoffman reported that \$411.50 in dues and \$798.50 in donations has come in since our January meeting.

Hoffman reported that she had done two presentations for kindergarteners at Park Terrace School.

Thank you, to Kathy Taylor who designed a flyer for the Mark Moran, May 3 Appraisal Event.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Grace Norton,
Secretary

Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting Thursday, March 6, 2014

Members Present: Judy Anderson, Mary Ann Hoffman, Mary Sue Meyers and Grace Norton
Absent: Pete Bonesteel, Dorothy Gargaro and Allen Taylor

Vice President Hoffman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was said.

Old Business:

- It was decided that each member of the Board should bring a dozen bars or cookies for refreshments at the May 3 appraisal event. Meyers will prepare lemonade and coffee and make sure there are napkins and cups.

New Business:

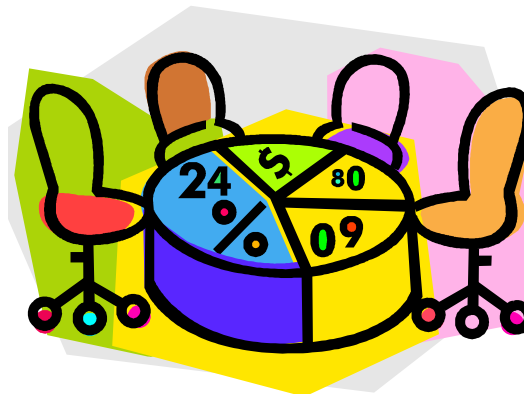
- **Manomin on the Mississippi** 49er Days event will be Sunday, June 22. Coach buses will load people at the History Center at 3:00 p.m. and take them to see historic sites in Fridley along the river. The tour will end with dinner at the Reidel House. The cost will be \$20 per person and tickets will be for sale at the Community Center. Gargaro and Hoffman are representing the Fridley Historical Center on the planning committee.
- Event for the **commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the May 6, 1965 tornado** was discussed.
- This year's **Christmas exhibit** will be Christmas in the 1960's. Hoffman said a committee of four has been formed.
- There will be a **"Parks & Rec. Conversation"** at the History Center, Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m. Meyers reported that Jack Kirk, the current Director and Dick Donlin the first Director will be here to speak. Bob Barnette, Don Holum and Walt Wenholz will also be here to share stories. She will serve light refreshments.

Reports:

- **Membership:** During the past month \$116.15 in membership dues has come in. \$169 in donations has come in.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Grace Norton
Secretary



Membership Update

As of February 18, we have received the following 2014 membership renewals. Many generously included a donation; a name followed by an * denotes a donation up to \$50, and ** denotes \$50 or more. Thank you!

Bob Aldrich
Judy Anderson
Eleanor Anderson
Helga Bode Johnson*
Mark, Laura and Nick Bonesteel**
Pete and Mary Bonesteel*
Barney and Ardella Buss*
Elaine Butorac**
Joan and Steven Carlson*
Dave Carstenson
David and Yvette Christensen
Robert Christenson*
Robert and Betty Comer*
Dawn Cordes and Fyllis Flanery*
Cathy Fritz*
John and Alice Ganter*
Dorothy Gargaro*
Jim and Jan Golden*
Mary Ann Haines*
Ed and Arlene Hamernik*
David Harris
Earl Hatten*
Carrol and Mavis Hauge*
Chester Hayes
Chuck Hayes*
Tom Heryla
Richard and Theresa Hitt
Mary Ann Hoffman
Rosemarie Hofstad*
Carol Hoiby*
Margaret and Bill Hunt*
Alice Johnson and Richard Jefferson*
Don and JoAnn Johnson*
Kathleen Johnson
Sonja Granlund Johnson**
James Kordiak
Gary and Bev Larson*
William and Hazel Linton*
Martin Lueders*
Scott and Cindy Lund*

Leon Madsen**
Gerald and Margaret Maeckelbergh*
Audrey Mahr*
Jerry and Marilyn Manley*
Matthew Manley*
Mel and Alicia Manley*
Bernadine Matushak*
Mary Sue and Don Meyers*
Carole Miller*
Tom and Gloria Myhra**
Gene Ness*
Maynard Nielsen
Grace Norton**
Donna Olson*
Warren and Lilly Olson**
Andrea Oman and Pat Billig*
James Peterson
Roberta Peterson
Wendy and Bill Plum*
Robert Powell
Sig and Marti Reckdahl*
Midge Rotter
Mary Rozmark
Angela Sangster**
Roy Scherer*
Art and Norma Swanson*
Carl and Adele Swanson*
Gaylene and Lee Switzer**
Al and Kathy Taylor*
Glenn Theorin*
Cindy (Rose) Torfin*
Mary Van Dan*
Pat Vant*
Walt and Sandra Wenholz*
Lenny and Ann Witucki*
Agnes Wolf



Welcome New Members: Rick and Teresa Hitt

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If you would like to make a donation of a sweepstakes prize or auction item, please call the History Center, 763-571-0120, and leave a message. Someone will call you back. Your donation would be welcome. The prizes should be \$10 or more in value and in excellent condition.

Tickets and reservation forms will be mailed to members soon. Dinner tickets are \$12 each and sweepstakes tickets are \$1 each. Be sure to send your check in right away after you get your mailing, before the dinner is sold out. If you don't get your mailing, or you need more tickets, call the History Center, 763-571-0120

A Dive into the Archive: Len's Dairy Store

By Mary Ann Hoffman

Included in the Historical Society archive is an undated news clipping, "Pioneers Quit 18-Year Business." It describes the closing of Len's Dairy Store, which was located on the southeast corner of Mississippi Street and East River Road and owned by Leonard and Bonnie Gertzen. The article describes how Fridley was changing in the years following World War II. The Gertzens first owned the business as a gasoline station attached to their home and in 1949 they added a hardware store. However, the appearance of chain stores forced them to change their operation to a dairy store in 1964.

The eventual closing was necessitated by the redesign of the intersection by the Anoka County highway department due to an increase in traffic congestion. According to the article, "part of the property will be needed for a turn lane. Murphy Oil Co. has purchased the remaining land for a new gasoline station."

Bonnie Gertzen commented that she had "cooked a lot of meals with my hat on, stopping to run out and wait on customers," while also finding time to set the neighbor ladies' hair. All three of the Gertzen children—Ernie, Dennis and Sheri—helped out in the store.

Leonard Gertzen added that he planned "to get a part-time job now; eight hours a day, 40 hours a week." Despite the closing of their business, they weren't without plans. They had purchased a mobile home in Mounsvew and were looking forward to free weekends to spend at their two lake homes.

Do you remember this business or the Gertzens, or what year the store closed? As an aside, on the back of the clipping is an ad for Aunt Jenny's Pancake House at 4920 Central Ave. where you could enjoy the Thursday special: a Barbecue Ribs Plate for \$1.95.



READY FOR THE WRECKERS, LEN'S DAIRY STORE IS CLOSED FOR GOOD!
Gertzen, wife Bonnie, son Ernie and daughter Sheri clean out the last remnants of 18-
years of work.

Valentine Potluck and Bingo Night

There was a good turnout for the Valentine potluck and bingo night with lots of delicious food, great prizes and a good time.



Dorothy Gargaro calling numbers



Marilyn and Jerry Manley looking like winners



Teresa and Rick Hitt



Gwen and Roger Nawrocki and Chester Hayes



Left to right: Mary Ann Hoffman, Joyce Olson, Sharon Underhill, Bernadine Matushak, Bill Dettman, Sharon voges, Carole Yurecko and Mardi Gohla



Carol Yurecko and Mardi Gohla



Tasty Food!

Prizes!

Friends!

FRIDLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**24th Annual Lasagna Dinner
Sweepstakes & Live Auction**

**You do not need
to be present to
win prizes!**

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014

**Time: Doors open at 4:15 p.m.
Dinner served at 5 p.m.**

**Place: American Legion Post 303
7365 Central Ave. N.E.
Fridley**

Sweepstakes and Live Auction:

**Many valuable and unique items can be
won in the sweepstakes or purchased in
the auction.**

**Order early:
Limited
Seating!**

Dinner tickets: \$12 each

Sweepstakes tickets: \$1 each

For information on how to order dinner or sweepstakes tickets, call 763-571-0120 leave a message and someone will return your call.



FRIDLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Grace Norton, Editor

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and securing its future*

It's not too Late for Membership Renewal

If you haven't already, please fill in the 2014 renewal form below, make your check payable to the Fridley Historical Society and mail them to us at 611 Mississippi St. NE, Fridley, MN 55432. We are no longer sending out membership cards—your renewal will be acknowledged in the newsletter. Thank you for your continued support.



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2014 dues: One senior—\$10, one individual—\$12.50; Family (2 adults, same household) \$18.50. Please consider making an additional donation to help us reach our goals.

Dues \$ _____ Additional tax-deductible donation \$ _____

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Thank You!