



The Record

Upcoming Events

Friday and Saturday March 27th –28th
Vintage and Sports Memorabilia Sale
Fridley History Center
8:00 am — 4:00 pm

Saturday April 25th, 2015
**25th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Raffle,
and Auction**
American Legion
Doors open 4:15 pm
Dinner served at 5:00 pm

Sunday, May 3, 2015.
Appraisal Event
American Legion
2:00 pm—7:00 pm

Wednesday May 6, 2015
**50th Anniversary Program
Of the Fridley Tornadoes**
Fridley Community Center
Fireside room
6:00 pm — 9:00 pm

Saturday May 9th, 2015
Weather Program
by Ken Ackerman— former KSTP
weather observer
Fridley History Center
11:00 am—3:00 pm

Thursday June 4th, 2015
Trivia Contest
Fridley History Center
7:00 pm — 9:00 pm

Sunday June 28th, 2015
Manomin on the Mississippi tour
11:00 am—3:00 pm

On Thursday February 12th the Fridley Historical Society hosted our annual Valentine's Potluck and Bingo night. It was a very cold night outside but the competition and fellowship warmed all of our hearts. Below are some of the pictures of the event.



Luck and concentration was the key to success! (But don't eat the markers.)



Fridley Historical Society

Board & Committees

The Board of Directors meets at the History Center on the first Thursday of every month at 2:30 p.m.

Officers

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| President | Dorothy Gargaro |
| Vice President | Mary Ann Hoffman |
| Secretary | Lori Greiner |
| Treasurer | Judy Anderson |

Other Board Members

Pete Bonesteel
Mary Sue Meyers
Allen Taylor
Rick Hitt
Teresa Hitt

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

Maintenance Committee

Rick and Teresa Hitt 763-571-6310

Membership

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Newsletter

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Public Relations

Lori Greiner — 612-963-1485

Programs & Events

Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

COME, SEE, HEAR!

Meet the author, Allen W. Taylor, and be a part of the riveting presentation on the evening of May 6, 1965.

The Twin Cities experienced the worst tornado outbreak in Minnesota history on that memorable day. Mr. Taylor presents information and photos never seen before! The presentations are free and everyone is highly encouraged to attend this documentary by one of the most knowledgeable authorities of Minnesota tornado history.

Here are the dates and times of each presentation.

Anoka County Historical Society Thursday April 16, 2015 @ 7pm 2135-3rd Avenue
Anoka, MN 55303

Deephaven Historical Society Sunday April 19, 2015 @ 1pm 20225 Cottagewood Road
Deephaven, MN 55331

Anoka County Library Tuesday May 12, 2015 @ 1pm Crooked Lake Branch 11440 Crooked Lake Boulevard Coon Rapids, MN 55433

1965 Tornado Minute

Psalms 77:11

Our LORD, I will remember the things you have done, your miracles of long ago. I will think about each one of your mighty deeds.

With the passing of legendary newscaster Dick Chapman last week, one can't help but know that God had put him on the air that night and thousands of people were saved from the terrible destruction that night of May 6, 1965. Mr. Chapman and the entire crew that night took a tremendous risk by breaking all the rules in reporting the news in such a non-traditional way. Never before had newsmen reported the incoming news in such a moment changing climate. Hundreds of callers were reporting where the tornadoes were being seen and which way they were heading thus warning thousands who were in the paths of those devastating tornadoes. There isn't a person alive today who lived through those storms that doesn't give credit to God for saving their lives or the lives of their loved ones. We have much to be thankful for. Take a moment today to think of how God put the right people in the right place that night of May 6, 1965. It truly does take your breath away!

Allen W. Taylor

Fridley Historical Society Board Member

Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting**Thursday February 5th 2015**

Board Members Present: Dorothy Gargaro, Mary Ann Hoffman, Judy Anderson, Mary Sue Meyers, Pete Bonesteel

Board Members Absent: Allen Taylor, Rick Hitt, Teresa Hitt

Visitors: Mary Bonesteel, Jan Harding

The meeting began at 2:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report—Judy distributed and discussed the new 501(c)(3) and Minnesota Department of Revenue Certificate of Exemption from sales tax forms with the board members. Also distributed were the balance sheets as of December 31st, 2014 and January 31st, 2015.

Secretary's Report—Mary Ann made a motion to nominate Lori Greiner as Secretary, seconded by Judy. All in favor. Lori will distribute meeting minutes to all board members.

Trivia contest—Mary Ann reported that she has a large list of interested participants in the next trivia contest, tentatively scheduled for Thursday June 4th at 6:30 or 7:00 pm.

Valentine Potluck and Bingo event—This will be held Thursday February 12th. If available, please arrive at the history center to decorate at 2:30 pm on Wednesday February 11th. Please bring prizes to the event.

25th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Raffle, & Auction—Saturday April 25th 2015 at the American Legion. We will stuff envelopes for the event at 3:30 pm on Thursday March 5th, after the next board meeting. Please collect raffle prizes from area businesses by Tuesday March 31st. Email Mary Sue as you collect prizes, which can be dropped off at the center for storage. On the day of the event we will arrive at 3:00 to get the area ready. Sue will pick up the cake.

50th Tornado Anniversary Program—May 6th, 2015 at 6pm at the Fridley Community Center. A Rum River Library display will also be set up. Lori will put the specifics (speakers, etc.) of the event in the next newsletter.

Old Business:

Docent Schedule—Please schedule yourself for 3 or 4 dates.

Manomin on the Mississippi—Fridley's River History Tour during the '49er Days. It is scheduled for Sunday June 28th from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm and will include a light lunch.

Appraisal Event—The next events are Sunday May 3rd and Sunday August 16th, tentatively at the Banquets of Minnesota. The cost to rent at Banquets is \$300 which includes cookies. Other options for a location are being investigated.

New Business:

Hall of Fame—Applications are accepted until July 21st.

Weather Program—Ken Ackerman will host a program on Saturday May 9th at the history center which will include a talk and demonstration of meteorological instruments.

Vintage Sale—Mary Ann will host a vintage sale event at the center on Thursday March 26th through Saturday March 28th. Proceeds up to \$150 will reimburse her for her expenditures to purchase items for the Christmas exhibit.

Website—There was one inquiry and one offer to help on the website. Lori will contact the person offering to help with reporting for the newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Greiner, Board Secretary

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Board Members Absent: Teresa Hitt

The meeting began at 2:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's Report— Judy distributed the Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2015 which was approved.

Membership Report- Mary Ann reported that we have received 57 renewals so far which totaled \$794.00 in dues and \$1,314.00 in donations. The Fridley Ambassadors, a non-profit organization, paid \$25.00 in dues.

Trivia Contest- Mary Ann has scheduled the trivia contest for Thursday June 4th at 6:30 pm.

Vintage Garage Sale- Mary Ann will hold the event Friday March 27th through Saturday March 28th 8:00 am—4:00 pm.

Committee Reports:

Program and Events— Sue stated that items received for the lasagna dinner and auction should be dropped off at the center and to please email her to let her know if you receive larger donations.

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50th Anniversary of the 1965 Tornadoes in Fridley-Al reports that Robert Kindle will not be speaking at the event. Rob Brown, Bob Aldrich, Don Meyers, and Don Hodges will be speaking and that Mayor Lund will MC.

Newsletter— Connie at the Fridley Community Center would like to receive a supply of newsletters. We also discussed sending copies to area nursing/elderly facility centers in the area.

Old Business:

Manomin on the Mississippi tour-Sunday June 28th, 2015 during 49er Days. Dorothy and Mary Ann report that all of the characters are in place and that volunteers are needed to serve lunch before and during the luncheon.

Docent Schedule-Mary Sue reports that there are still open dates that need to be filled.

Appraisal Event-Sunday May 3rd from 2pm to 7pm. Mary Ann states that we have cancelled reservations at Banquets of Minnesota and the event will now be held at the American Legion. It will cost us \$25 in cleaning fees. A second appraisal event is scheduled for Sunday August 9th.

New Business:

Display Cases-Dorothy would like a permanent display case for the 50th Anniversary of the Fridley Tornadoes and will investigate funding.

Tornado Presentation-Al will be speaking at the Rum River Library and Anoka County Historical Society.

Tornado Talk and Demonstration-Ken Ackerman will give a talk and display weather instruments Saturday May 9th at the Fridley History Center. He also donated a tape of a speech regarding the tornadoes that made at Springbrook.

1920s Christmas-Sue, Mary Ann, and Dorothy are on the committee for the event.

Business Cards-It was discussed that new business cards should be ordered with the Center's updated phone number.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lori Greiner, Board Secretary

50th Anniversary of the 1965 Tornadoes in Fridley, Minnesota Program

Wednesday, May 6, 2015 @ 6:00 P.M. at the Fridley Community Center located at 6085 – 7th Street N. E.

Presented by the Fridley Historical Society & Fridley Community Education

The program will open with a welcome by Mayor Scott Lund, and he will introduce our guest speakers.

Robert Aldrich, retired Fire Chief who was on duty on May 6th, and has stories about what happened to a brand new fire truck that night.

Don Meyers, retired from the Fridley School District where he was High School Principal, Junior High Principal, Athletic Director, wrestling coach is next on the program, and will speak about what happened to all the schools on that night. .

Rob Brown retired from WCCO Radio where he helped do the update of storm information for all to hear the night of the tornadoes.

Don Hodges, 1965 Mayor of Moundsview, will also speak.

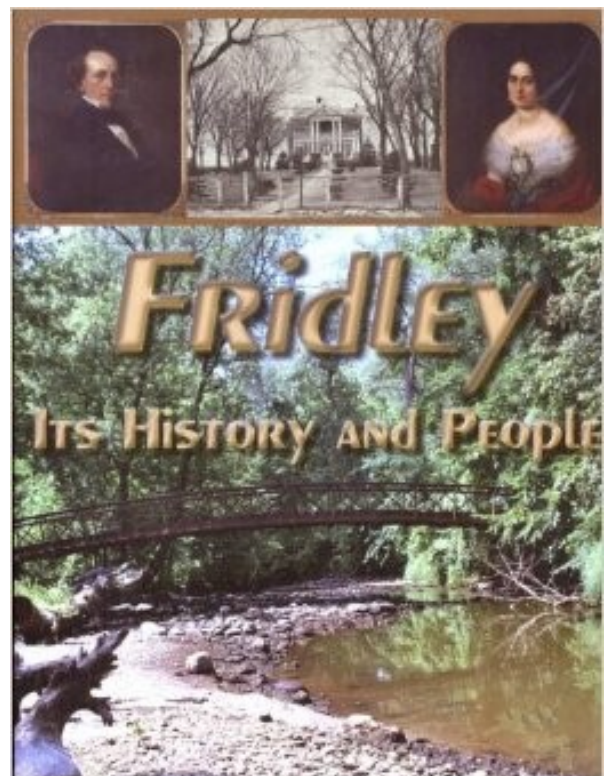
The open mike segment of the program will conclude with stories by some of the citizens from the community and what happened to them on that stormy night.

All are welcome as we commemorate this night of terror and destruction in Fridley.

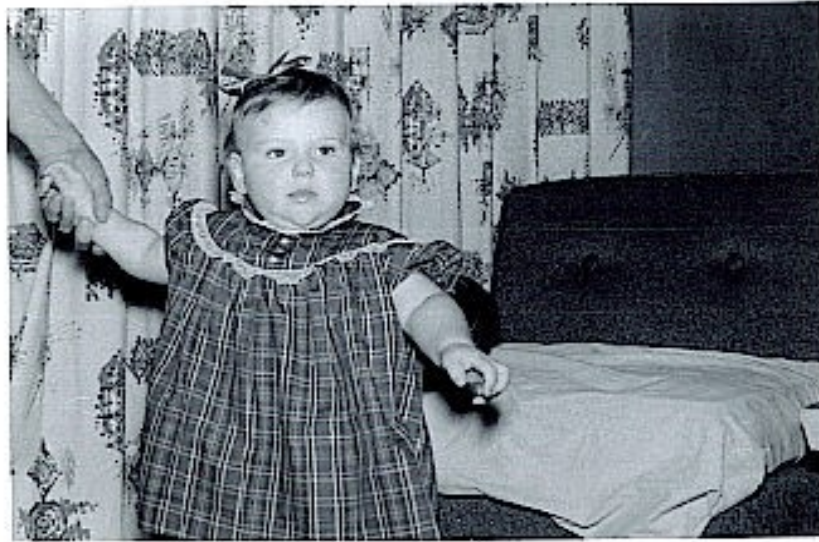
Fridley Its History and People

by The Fridley Historical Society, Fridley, Minnesota

Published in 2008, this fascinating book provides a wealth of historical and family information about the pioneer families that settled and built our community. This book is available at Bob's Produce and the Fridley History Center.



A Dive into the Archive: Mysterious Photos



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by Mary Ann Hoffman

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Have you ever unearthed family photos, knowing that those pictured are probably related to you, but been unable to identify them because no one took the time to label the pictures with names, places, or dates?

The unidentified photos in our archive could fill several albums. For example, we have a packet of 14 photos (four are shown here) that are obviously connected to each other but are a mystery. We have no idea who those people are, whether that house is in Fridley, and why those family photos ended up with the Historical Society.

Can you identify anything about these photos? Most were developed in 1960 and 1961; the photo of the young boy says "kindergarten" on the back.

The folder that contains the photos has the name Halzhew (it's hard to read the writing so the ending might be different) as the customer; they were developed at Craben Brothers Pharmacy on the corner of 2nd Street and 13th Avenue NE. However, I suspect the folder doesn't match the photos, as it looks much older and indicates that it includes enlargements of 2 negatives.

If you can give us any information about these photos, please contact us through our website or leave a message at our history center. And don't forget to label your own photos -- not so much for you but for those who come after you.

Letter From The Editor

By Lori Greiner

Hello. This is the new secretary and editor of the newsletter and I thought I'd give you some of my thoughts on living in Fridley and on being a member of the Fridley Historical Society. I had driven by it many times but never stopped in until last summer and I was very impressed! I've been involved with the historical society for about six months now and I still never cease to be amazed by the wonderful people that I have met and their dedication and commitment to making the center a success. Thank you all for inviting me to join you. I encourage anyone reading this to come and explore the history center and meet new people!

A little about my history follows. I am originally from Ashland Wisconsin on the shores of Lake Superior. My father loved reading about history and I guess that I follow in his footsteps.

I moved to Fridley near Mississippi and Baker Ave in 1994 and we liked the area so much that in 2004 when we were looking to buy a bigger house we moved a whole 3 blocks away to near Mississippi and Able. It sure was an easy move! One of my favorite parts about living in Fridley is that there are so many parks! When I was walking the dogs after living here 9 years, I accidentally discovered Meadowlands Park. I had no idea that it was there. And then on another walk I found the trails along Rice Creek. Just beautiful! What else am I missing?

I guess that my message is to get out there and explore, whether it is visiting the History Center, our many parks, or taking part in activities like 49er Days. This is a great city with great people!

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Please fill in the 2014 renewal form below, make your check payable to the Fridley Historical Society, and mail it 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.



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2015 dues: One senior—\$10, One individual—\$12.50, Family (2 adults, same household)—\$18.50

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