

# The Record



## Upcoming Events



Saturday, July 26

11:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

### History Center Open House

Free admission as usual

Saturday, August 9

11:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

### History Center Open House

Wednesday, August 13, 6:00 p.m.

### 19th Annual AugustFest

Outdoors at the History Center

Saturday, August 23

11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

### History Center Open House

Tuesday, September 9, 9:00 a.m.

### Cleaning Day at the History Center. All hands welcome!

Saturday, September, 13

11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

### History Center Open House

Saturday, September 27

11:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

### History Center Open House



Come for summer fun at the History Center Wednesday, August 13, 6:00 p.m. Don't worry about supper; hot dogs, Mary Meyers' delicious Chicago dogs, brats, water, pop and Kempwiches will all be for sale.

Bring a lawn chair or camping chair and sit back and enjoy the music of the Fridley City Band. Meet the new Fridley Ambassadors; Ali Bennett, Shelby Lindboe and Kylee Swensrud. Check out one of the Fridley fire trucks and meet some of our brave fire fighters. There will not be an old tyme baseball game because of the condition of the field, but Doug Ernst, the new leader of the Quick Steps, will give us a demonstration of how old tyme baseball is played.

After his demonstration lemonade, bars and cookies will be served in the lower level of the History Center. We will have a new feature—a trivia contest. Learn more about it in the article below.

Parking is available at Hayes school. Admission is free. Be sure to bring a lawn chair or camping chair for a comfortable seat.



## Attention, Trivia Buffs!

In conjunction with AugustFest on Wednesday evening, the 13th, we are having a trivia contest inside our air-conditioned History Center. There is a small entrance fee and cash prizes will be awarded. If you are interested in learning more about this, please leave a message at the History Center 763-571-9286 and someone will get back to you. Or come downstairs and watch the event

## Thank You for New Flags



Thank you, to Bill Beery who donated a new American flag and Minnesota State Flag to fly from our flag pole in the front of the History Center.



**Fridley Historical Society**  
Board & Committees

**Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 5, 2014**

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Gargaro.

**Officers**

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

**Appraisal Event:** Hoffman reported that the October 26 appraisal event with Mark Moran is booked at the Banquets of Minnesota facility (formerly Maple Lanes bowling alley).

**Other Board Members**

Pete Bonesteel  
Mary Sue Meyers  
Allen Taylor

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of May 1965 Fridley Tornado:** Taylor said he would bring a presentation. He will also try to contact Dave Dahl, channel 5 weather man, and Todd Krause. The Minnesota History Center traveling weather exhibit will be upstairs in the classroom October 2014 through March 2015. It will need to be brought from Mankato Oct. 16.

There is a large aerial photo of the destruction left by the tornado that needs restoration in the file office upstairs.

**Committees & Chairpersons**

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

**Committee Reports:**

**Archives**

Pete Bonesteel — 763-572-1009

**Maintenance:** Gargaro reported that she has received an estimate from Dave Halick to paint the lower level of the History Center for \$300 for labor and \$100 for paint. Hoffman made a motion that we accept the bid; the motion was seconded by Taylor and passed by the Board.

**City & Family History**

Dorothy Gargaro — 763-792-1080

Rick Hitt purchased a new carbon monoxide detector for the kitchen and installed it. Anderson will reimburse him.

Bill Beery donated new flags for the flagpole.

**Finance**

Judy Anderson — 763-767-2566

**Membership:** Hoffman reported that in May \$136.50 in dues has come in and \$138 in donations. In April she sent out 30 reminder letters to people who had not renewed their membership. She received 18 responses.

**Fundraising**

Allen Taylor – 763-422-3878

**Programs & Events:** AugustFest will be Wednesday, Aug. 13. Doug Ernst, the new leader of Quick Steps, is interested in doing a demonstration of old time baseball. Meyers read a letter from Robert Christenson suggesting we have a youth talent contest next year. The plausibility was discussed.

**Hall of Fame**

Allen Taylor – 763-422-3878

Results of the Lasagna Dinner were reported by Meyers. Anderson reported that the income from the Lasagna Dinner has been declining each year.

**Maintenance Committee**

Rick Hitt

Taylor was the docent on Memorial Day weekend and reported there were 14 visitors.

**Membership**

Mary Ann Hoffman—763-780-5911

**New Business:**

A new five year lease from Independent School District 14 calling for rent of \$1 a year was signed by President Gargaro and Norton, secretary.

**Newsletter & Public Relations**

Grace Norton—763-571-9286

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

**Programs & Events**

Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

Grace Norton, Secretary

## Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting Thursday, July 10, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. and the pledge of Allegiance was said.

Thank you, to Richard Hitt for helping get the chairs over to the Community Center for the Fridley Band to play on truck in the 49er's parade.

Thank you, to Don Meyers for reminding Schmidt Towing to pick up the City Band and for attaching the banners on the sides of the truck.

### ***Planning Session:***

1. Finding someone to be Board Secretary and newsletter editor.

### ***2. Existing dates on our calendar***

**AugustFest-** 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 13: Board members should bring 2 dozen bars or cookies and arrive at 4:30 p.m. Norton agreed to do program.

**Potluck & Annual meeting** – Tuesday, Oct. 14, 6:00 p.m.

**Weather Exhibit from MN History Center arrives** – Oct. 18.

**Appraisal event with Mark Moran** – Sunday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. at MN Banquet Center

**Fridley Hall of Fame** – Saturday, November 1, exact time to be determined, at Fridley Community Center.

**Christmas in the 1960's display opens** – Hoffman reported it will be open Saturdays, Nov. 8 – Dec. 20 and Tuesdays Nov. 11 – Dec. 16.

**Appraisal Event** – Sunday, May 3, 2015

### ***3. New Dates:***

**Cleaning Day** – Tuesday, Sept. 9, 9 a.m.

**Kindergarten Art Fair** – Saturday, Dec. 13, 2014

**Potluck & Bingo** – Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015

**Lasagna Dinner** – Saturday, Apr. 25, 2015

### ***4. Ideas for Fridley May 6, 1965 Tornado Anniversary***

Taylor said he is holding tornado conversations in several locations. Other ideas for commemorating the date were discussed.

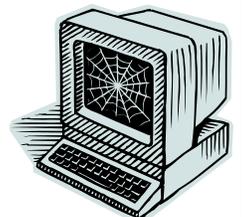
Gargaro spoke with Beth Whitehead, the director at Banfill House, and she said they are having a tornado based art exhibit there.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Grace Norton, Secretary  
Secretary

### ***Our New Website is Now Easier to Find***

If you had trouble finding our new website [fridleyhistoricalsociety.org](http://fridleyhistoricalsociety.org) after doing a search with a search engine such as Google or Yahoo it will now direct you to the new website. Thank you to Robert Christenson, who working with Start Logic, was able to make our new website supersede our outdated website when a search is done to find it.



## Membership Update

The following renewed their 2014 membership between May 8 and July 10. A name followed by an \* indicates an additional donation up to \$50 and \*\* indicates \$50 or more. Thank you!

Ray & Virginia Anderson\*  
Byron Jensen  
Dorothy Lee  
Joseph & Irene Maertens\*\*

Darryl & Diane Sannes  
Bud Dauphin & Marcia SchAAF\*  
Ann Teskey



### *Welcome New Members:*

Bob & Dodie Burdick  
Nancy Cook  
Mary Erickson  
Mel Krugerud

## A Dive into the Archive: The St. Philip's File

*By Mary Ann Hoffman*

One of the earliest postwar churches built in Fridley was St. Philip's Lutheran Church. The archive of the Fridley Historical Society holds a file containing several items pertaining to the church, including 16 color slides of the building exterior, a dedication book for the new sanctuary, dated November 26, 1966, and a 1983 booklet commemorating the 25th anniversary of the church. The latter includes a history of the congregation that chronicles its inception in 1958, the tremendous growth that followed in the 1960s and 1970s, and the challenges that needed to be faced in the 1980s.

The first St. Philip's worship service, led by its founding pastor, Rev. Mandus Egge, and attended by 231 people, was held at Nelson School in Columbia Heights on February 2, 1958. Groundbreaking for the church building on Highway 65 followed on April 13, and, according to the history, "the first congregational picnic, a steak fry, was held in June at Cloverleaf Farm and followed in July by a Saturday morning breakfast cook-out." The congregation included 481 charter members and by 1970 had grown to nearly 2800.

The St. Philip's file also contains eight church directories, a greater number than our archive holds for any other Fridley church. The directories that were published each year from 1961 - 1965 contain the names and addresses of church members, while the 1966, 1969, and 1974 editions also include photographs of the members and their families.

From A to Z: the two photos are the first and last families whose pictures appear in the 1974 directory. The first photo shows the Robert Aho family who lived on Regis Trail, and the second shows the Marvin Zuleger family who lived on Taylor Street. They bookcase an additional 546 photos. In four years, St. Philip's will have been a Fridley institution for 60 years.



The Robert Aho Family



The Marvin Zuleger Family



## Manomin on the Mississippi Fridley's River History Tour

Sunday afternoon June 22, 45 people boarded a coach bus for a tour of Fridley's historic places along the Mississippi River. The Fridley area was originally named Manomin. At each stop the tour was greeted by historic Fridley residents. The first stop was the cemetery on East River Road just north of Mississippi St. that once belonged to Trinity Episcopal Church which was bought by the Unitarian Church and moved to Oakley Ave. Stops were also made at the mouth of Rice Creek and Banfill-Locke House which was once an inn at a ferry landing. It is now an arts center. The final stop was for a delicious farm style dinner served at the house on what had been the Riedel Farm Estate.



Nancy Lambert narrating as Matilda Rice. Henry and Matilda Rice were early settlers along the river.



Warren Woods took us on a tour of the cemetery. Warren grew up in Fridley and some of his relatives are buried here.



Left to Right: Mayor Scot Lund and wife Cindy as Mr. and Mrs. Abram Fridley. Leon Madsen as John Banfill.



Leon Madsen as John Banfill and Dorothy Gargaro as Nancy Banfill.



Mitchell Oswald as Father Hennepin who explored the area in the 1680s.



Cindy Lund as Betsy Fridley, the wife of Abram Fridley.



Beth Whitehead Director of Banfill—Locke House greeted us.



The Riedel House.



The gracious dinner servers dressed as early settlers. Left to right” Bernie Stawski, Steph Oswald , Julie Doth and Kathy Stonima.



Some of the diners enjoying dinner on the porch.



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### **Hall of Fame Nominations Deadline Extended**

If you wish to nominate someone to be inducted into the Fridley Hall of Fame the deadline for nominations has been extended to **July 30, 2014**. To obtain a form call the Fridley History Center, 763-571-0120. Your call will be returned and a form will be sent to you. It is required to fill out a form to nominate a person. A nominee should be someone who has contributed to the growth and quality of life in Fridley.

### **Needed: Editor for this Newsletter!**

After almost eight years I am resigning from editing and mailing **The Record**. If you enjoy writing and doing layout this is an opportunity for you. The Record is published every two months and requires about 10 hours to produce. You will need to have a publishing program on your computer. If you are interested please call the Fridley History Center, 763-571-0120, and leave a message; someone will return your call.

### **All Hands Welcome! Cleaning Day, Sept. 9, 9:00 a.m.**



If you would like to help spruce up the Fridley History Center please come on Tuesday, September 9. You don't have to call or contact anyone, it would be great if you just show up and pitch in. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and probably finish up about noon. We will be doing a lot of dusting, sweeping and vacuuming to get ready for fall and Christmas events.