



The Record

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Website <http://fridleyhistoricalsociety.org/>
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4th Annual Fridley History Tour ~ Saturday, June 16th from 1-4

Board a coach bus at the Fridley History Center, and take a narrated tour of an area that 170 years ago was known as Manomin. We now know it as Fridley. Through narration, meeting some characters of the 1850's and visiting some historic landmarks along the way, you'll learn some of Fridley's early history. Walk the banks of the Mississippi River when we stop for lunch at the historic Riedel Estate before continuing on to another site and then finishing the tour and returning to the Fridley History Center.

Limit 45 ~ Registration must be made through the 2018 Fridley Park & Recreation Activities Guide (763)572-3570 before June 8. ~ \$25



"Mrs. Henry Rice" narrates the Manomin Tour



Transportation provided on an air-conditioned coach bus



Meet "John Banfill" and tour the Banfill-Locke House



Lunch hosted by "Abram and Betsy Fridley" at the historic Reidel Estate

Fridley Historical Society

Board & Committees

The Board of Directors meets at the History Center on the first Thursday of every month at 4:30 p.m.

Officers

President	Dorothy Gargaro
Vice President	Mary Ann Hoffman
Secretary	Lori Greiner
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 and Exhibits

Mark Bonesteel — 763-331-1885

City & Family History

Dorothy Gargaro — 763-792-1080

Finance

Judy Anderson — 763-767-2566

Fundraising

Open —

Maintenance Committee

Allen Taylor – 763-422-3878
Rick and Teresa Hitt 763-571-6310

Membership

Mary Ann Hoffman—763-780-5911

Newsletter Editor

Lori Greiner — 612-963-1485

Programs & Events

Mary Sue Meyers — 763-717-7987

If you would like to volunteer, please call us at the history center!

Upcoming Events

All events are at the Fridley History Center unless otherwise indicated.

Open House

Saturday May 26th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Friday June 1st 4:30 pm

Trivia Contest

Saturday June 2nd 6:30 pm

Open House

Saturday June 9th 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Fridley History Tour

Saturday June 16th 1:00 pm—4:00 pm

Fridley Home and Garden Tour

Sunday July 22nd, 1-5 pm

Open House

Saturday June 23rd 11:00 am—3:00 pm

Board Meeting

Friday June 29th 4:30 pm



28th Annual Lasagna Dinner, Sweepstakes, & Live Auction

The Fridley Historical Society wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated and contributed to our fundraising event. This is our only fundraiser of the year and we appreciate the support shown by our members!

After the meal was served, the fast-paced action was lead by our Master of Ceremonies and Sweepstakes Announcer Jack Kirk and our Auctioneer Al Taylor.

Thank you again, and we'll see you next year!



1st Annual Fridley Home and Garden Tour

Sunday July 22nd, 1-5 pm

Step into Fridley's most famous era - the 60s: an age of tornadoes, strength and rebuilding.

Hear the stories, experience a time-capsule look back and even hear the beautiful sounds of a homemade organ.
Guest speakers and homeowners will be available at several sites.

The cost is \$12/person in advance or \$15/person day of tour
Purchase tickets online at AnokaCountyHistory.org or by phone ne at 763-421-0600.



Membership Update

Between March 1st and May 5th, the following have renewed their FHS membership.
A name followed by an * indicates that the renewal was accompanied with a donation
up to \$50 while ** indicates a donation of \$50 or more.
Thank you for your continued support!

Bob Aldrich
Jane & Bob Barnette
Steve & Joan Carlson*
Gordon & Carol Christenson*
Dawn Cordes & Fyllis Flanery*
Stephen & Mary Eggert*
Dorothy Gargaro
Janis Harding*
Chester Hayes
Chuck Hayes**
Eric & Pat Jaakkola*
Gary & Bev Larson

William Linton*
Martin Lueders*
Scott & Cindy Lund*
Stan Mack II & Margaret Leibfried
Alicia Manley**
Katherine Mrozek**
Maynard Nielsen*
Roberta Peterson**
Roy Scherer*
Lenny & Ann Witucki*
Larry & Pat Whittlef
Warren Woods*

Welcome New Member!

Mary Kne

Legend “Buzz” Arndt celebrates 53 years of Barbering in Fridley

One of the longest running businesses in Fridley recently celebrated a milestone. “Buzz” Arndt of Buzz’ Barber Shop began barbering on March 23, 1965, representing over 53 years of continuous service in our community. At the time, it was called “Jim’s Barber Shop”. “It was a difficult beginning due to the May 6th tornadoes. A lot of men were busy rebuilding their homes and businesses and didn’t have time for haircuts”, Buzz reflected. Some of the oddities of that the tornado outbreak included most of businesses destroyed at Moon Plaza but his barber shop sustained little damage. All of the rooftop air conditioners were sucked off the roof and strewn all over Fridley. They were found and put back up on the roof including Buzz’s. “I still have the same air conditioner.” said Buzz. “There was water all over the floor and 2” of water in all of the sanitizers but no leaks in the roof above. The front window wasn’t broke but debris scratched the name.” Meanwhile, Buzz was looking at a 1956 Pontiac Safari at a car lot below the Hilltop Drive-In. “There was all kinds of commotion going on and I ended up witnessing the tornado as it hit the 100 Twin Drive-In. A garage roof nearby was lifted up and spun around and simply disintegrated. A buddy of mine was taking a nap in a house a few blocks away from there and a 2x4 came flying through the bedroom wall landing on his bed!”

A lot of changes in barbering have happened over this long span. Back in 1965, the price for a haircut was \$5. The prices were fixed by the Master Barber Association (MBA) due to price wars back in the 20’s and 30’s. “Back then, barbers would undercut the competition and then their businesses would be burned to the ground with Molotov Cocktails. The MBA had to step in and “fix” the prices so that barber shops wouldn’t be burned down.” Back in 1965, the 3 main haircut styles were Heinies, Flat-tops, and the military style “High & Tight”. Buzz bought Jim’s in 1970, as another change in hair styles was occurring due to the Hippy movement with longer hair being the norm. This movement lasted until the 1980’s when shorter hair became popular once again. “At the beginning of the long hair movement, there were 4 barber colleges in the Twin Cities graduating about 15 barbers every 3 months. But those numbers really dropped and it got to the point in the 80’s when there was hardly any old-time barbers left that knew how to give a traditional, short haircut”, said Buzz.

Recently Buzz was recognized at the State Fair Coliseum with an award naming him as “Minnesota Flat Track Legend” in motorcycle racing. In his 39 years of racing from 1969-2008, he won 121 State Championships, was sponsored by both Kawasaki and CanAm, including three divisions of District 23, DTRA, and B+R. With many broken bones and injuries, he was fortunate to walk away from the sport.

Over the years, as one would imagine, some famous people have sought out Buzz’ expert haircuts. Jerry Seiman (NFL head referee), President Gerald and Betty Ford’s valet, Tyrell Ventura (son of Jesse Ventura), Carl Newquist (local lawyer and judge), Bill Nee (past mayor of Fridley), Bill Beery (past president of Fridley State Bank), Jim Gibs (local judge), and Keith Zeller (Starlines Rock and Roll band), to name a few. Not only do you get one of the best haircuts you will ever get in your life, but to experience Buzz’s colorful personality and friendliness is legendary. His loyal customers would attest to that.



Buzz cutting a first hair cut for a young customer Circa 1970



Buzz standing in front of his barbershop of 53 years in Fridley

Buzz’ Barber Shop is open Tuesdays through Fridays 8am to 6pm and Saturdays 8am to 1pm, closed Sundays and Mondays. No appointments necessary. The phone number is (763) 502-1432.

Fridley Historical Society Board Meeting

Thursday May 3rd, 2018

Present: Mary Sue Meyers, Mary Ann Hoffman, Judy Anderson, Dorothy Gargaro, Lori Greiner, Mark Bonesteel, Mary Bonesteel, Pete Bonesteel

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

Secretary Report: Lori submitted the meeting minutes from March 1st 2018. Mary Sue made a motion to approve, seconded by Judy, and approved by all. There was not an April board meeting.

Treasurer Report: Judy submitted the balance sheets as of March 31st and April 30th, 2018, Profit and Loss Comparison as of March 31st through April 1st and through April 30th, and the investment account's Asset Summary Statement of January 1st through March 31st 2018. Lori made a motion to approve and Mary Ann seconded, approved by all.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Mary Ann updated the dues and donations received. As of April 1st she recorded \$173.50 in dues and \$244.50 in donations. The amounts as of May 1st are \$165.00 in dues and \$315.00 in donations.

Programs and Events: Mary Sue recapped the results of the lasagna dinner. We sold 73 dinners. The donations received were \$1,320.00 for raffle tickets, \$150.00 for advertisements, and \$835.00 in the auction. The net profit for the event was \$2,359.383.

Dorothy stated that the Fridley History Tour plans have been finalized. It will be held on June 16th from 1-4 departing from the Fridley History Center on the same day that the 49er Day celebrations are held.

A discussion was held regarding the Christmas exhibit. The dates are yet to be finalized but the grand opening of the Christmas event will coincide with the public safety display opening.

Archives and Exhibits: Mark reported that he has been cleaning and organizing the archive room. He bought a new front door lock which he will install this month.

Newsletter: Lori will send the May/June newsletter to the printer on Monday May 14th.

OLD BUSINESS:

North Suburban Hospital District Record Storage: Dorothy stated that no decision has been made on whether the FHC would be storing the records.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Address changes for our mailings: Lori passed out forms to be completed when changes to our mailing list are needed. Please put them in the secretary's mail folder once completed.

Replacement of old water meter with a smaller pipe: Judy discussed the need to make the update as it will reduce our expenses.

Elevator Operation: An operation sheet of the elevator was distributed. It will be posted near the elevator for reference.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Greiner



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and securing its future*

It's Membership Renewal Time

Please fill in the 2018 renewal form below, make you 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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2018 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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