

The New Brighton Area Historical Society (NBAHS) was founded in 1980 to encourage the research, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about the history of New Brighton and of old Mounds View Township.

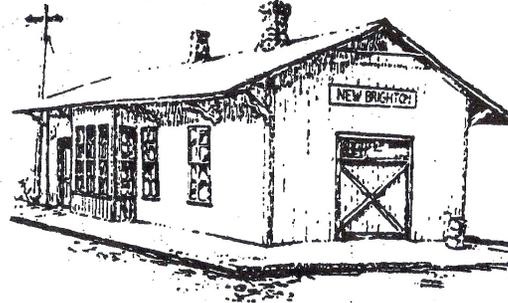
We believe that the rich heritage and historical background of our area should be recorded and preserved. Through knowledge of our past, we gain an understanding and appreciation of our future, as individuals and as a community.

The purpose of the Society is to tell the history of the area, which includes present day New Brighton, Arden Hills, Shoreview, North Oaks, and Mounds View, and to preserve its heritage for future generations.

We pursue this objective through the collection of books, documents, photographs, newspapers, and artifacts that tell the story of the people of this area and their heritage.

The Society has developed a policy to govern the acquisition of historically significant artifacts and accepts documents and objects which are relevant to the history of the area.

The Society is also involved in the copying of old photographs and preserving oral histories. Our photo collections now number 4659 photos with 4274 scanned by computer and saved digitally. We publish a newsletter twice a year to provide members with information about the Society and the history of the area.



The NBAHS has completed the renovation of the Bulwer Junction depot museum located at Long Lake Park. This building is called the New Brighton History Center. The renovation includes a new roof, insulation, electrical wiring, a new furnace, a bathroom, replacement flooring, fresh paint, a security system, and an exterior deck. The deck has the names of 658 donors engraved into the deck boards.

Valspar Corporation donated its 1950 Great Northern caboose in 1993, which is sited on our siding and sports new paint and new Great Northern logos. The interior of the caboose has been renovated to look like it was in 1950.

The society has completed the placement of historical markers in the stockyards area of Long Lake Park. Trail maps are available for you at the History Center.

The society has sponsored a Rhubarb Fest for 19 years. Originally started to honor the Lakeside Berry Farm owners and workers, we now welcome guests from throughout the metro area the first weekend in June to enjoy homemade rhubarb desserts, or purchase homemade rhubarb jam, rhubarb stalks, plants, cookbooks.

THE SOCIETY HAS PUBLISHED FOUR BOOKS

- *A Centennial History of New Brighton, Minnesota*, written by Gene F. Skiba, published 1987.
- *A Pictorial History: New Brighton Area, Minnesota, From the 1880s-1950s*, including the communities of Mounds View Township, Irondale, and Lake Johanna, published 2002, written by Joyce Klonecz.
- *A Pictorial History: New Brighton Area, From the 1950s-2000s*, including the communities of Mounds View and Arden Hills, published 2005, written by Joyce Klonecz.
- *Historical Snippets From the Past*, featuring New Brighton Bulletin articles written by Gene Skiba, compiled by Joyce Klonecz

Available at: New Brighton City Hall, New Brighton Community Center, Beisswenger's Hardware, New Brighton History Center (summers). Hard cover books are \$25; *Historical Snippets* is \$12. Call 651-633-4070 for more information.

Some of our Society members are lifelong residents of the area who are happy to share their knowledge of the community. Others are newer residents eager to learn about the area they call home. We invite you to join them! Use the application on the back to join the New Brighton Area Historical Society.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE NEW BRIGHTON AREA

1847: Mounds View Township was surveyed by US deputy surveyors while still a part of Wisconsin territory.

1849: Charles Perry settled on Lake Johanna and became the first settler in the township.

1858: The Mounds View Township elections are held on the same day that Minnesota becomes a state.

1887: The town of New Brighton was platted and the first buildings were erected.

1888: The stockyards enterprise was formed which brought railroad facilities, packing houses, the Exchange Building, a newspaper and a flourishing town.

1891: The Village of New Brighton was incorporated.

1900: Sanitation problems at the stockyards forced its closing and its move to So. St. Paul.

1985: Soo Line Railroad presented the Bulwer Junction depot to the NBAHS.

1990: Depot moved to Long Lake Park.

1994: New Brighton History Center opens after five years of renovation.

2015: NBAHS celebrates 35 years as an historical society.

NEW BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

Membership Type

Senior \$10 per person over 65 _____

Individual \$15 _____

Family \$25 _____

Life \$150 _____

Club/Business \$100 _____

I would like information on
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Invite a friend join the NBAHS!

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www.newbrightonhistory.com

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**The New Brighton History Center is open
summer weekends June-September
from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM.**