NBAHS 34th Annual Meeting To Be Held April 24

The New Brighton Area Historical Society’s (NBAHS) Thirty-fourth Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, April 24, at 1:00 PM at the New Brighton Family Service Center. The Annual Meeting will begin at 1:00, with the program beginning at 2:00 PM.

The topic for our annual meeting presentation is “TORNADO TERROR IN MINNESOTA—THE LONGEST NIGHT - MAY 6, 1965,” given by Allen Taylor, author. It will be held at the New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th St. NW, New Brighton. This program is sponsored by Ramsey County Library, and presented by the New Brighton Area Historical Society.

This project was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota’s Art and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Free admission. The public is invited as well. Please join us! Refreshments will be served.

For more information, see insert. Information on our upcoming “History of New Brighton” program on June 17th is also included in the insert. We encourage you to join us.

Help!

Maintaining the New Brighton History Center requires a commitment to keep up the property and maintain the depot and caboose. Please see the contribution form on page 4 and help us out by sending in a donation to the Society. We thank an anonymous donor for his $750 donation for renovation expenses.
New Brighton Area Historical Society 2014 Calendar of Events

April 24: NBAHS Annual Meeting
Family Service Center, 1:00 PM

May 17: Spring Clean-up,
History Center, 9AM - 12 PM

May 31: Rhubarb Pull
Contact Jerry @ 651-633-6275 to help

June 1: Rhubarb Fest
History Center, 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Museum Opens for the Season
1:00 - 4:00 PM, Saturdays & Sundays

June 17: History of New Brighton
Program - 2:00 PM FSC

August 8, 9, 10: Stockyard Days
History Center open extended hours:
Saturday: noon - 8PM
Sunday: 10AM - 4PM

September 28: Depot Closes for Season

October 12: Over 80s Dinner
1:00 PM Eagles Club

17th Annual Rhubarb Fest
June 1: 1:00 - 4:00 PM
New Brighton History Center

The 16th Annual Rhubarb Fest, sponsored by the New Brighton Area Historical Society, continues to honor the Hipp Family and those who worked 40 acres of rhubarb on Joe Hipp’s Lakeside Berry Farm. As the farm became Long Lake Park in the 1980s, Dave Nathe, a former worker, moved the Hipp farm rhubarb roots to his farm in Elk River. To retain and promote farm-like activity in the park in 1985, NBAHS began an “Exchange” then with Jeanne Hunn at Keys 5th Avenue. We would give her rhubarb stalks; she would give us a donation.

Once each year, Nathe permits us to pull 150 pounds of his strawberry-red rhubarb stalks for Jeanne to make rhubarb jam at Keys Lexington. Her donation now: 6 trays of rhubarb desserts to be topped with rhubarb sauce and ice cream. An additional 250 pounds of the stalks will be pulled for stalk sales at the Rhubarb Fest.

The Rhubarb Pull will be at Nathe’s farm on Saturday, May 31, from 9:00 AM to noon. We can use help. Contact Jerry Bensing for details, 651-633-6275.

Originally started to honor the Lakeside Berry Farm owners and workers, we now welcome guests from throughout the metro area to enjoy homemade rhubarb desserts or purchase homemade rhubarb jam, rhubarb stalks, plants, and cookbooks.

The following offices for the New Brighton Area Historical Society, 2014-2015, will be voted on at the April 24 Annual Meeting: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors. We are gathering names now for our slate of officers, which will be presented that evening. Please contact Peg at 651-633-4070 if you’re interested in becoming one of our directors or officers.

Rhubarb pullers before the 2013 Rhubarb Fest
Renovation of Caboose Interior

The New Brighton Area Historical Society was granted the Valspar caboose which sat near the Metrodome in downtown Minneapolis in the 1990s. Over the years we have repainted the exterior and added historically accurate decals to the sides of the caboose. Now this 1950 Great Northern caboose interior needs to be renovated. There is water damage from windows installed incorrectly; paneling is water-soaked with mold behind the paneling; the ceiling leaks; there are water stains on the floor. The NBAHS is applying for a Legacy Grant from the State of Minnesota to correct this damage and restore the interior to its look of the 1950s.

We have the original plans (see next page) which were attached to the grant application. This is a Great Northern caboose built in St. Cloud, Minnesota, in 1950. The car number of this caboose is X-271 and is a member of a series of 30 foot steel cabooses built in St. Cloud from the years 1941-1951, and numbered X-199 to X-294. Cars X-271 to X-279 were built between December 1950 and April 1951, and weighed 57,000 pounds. The grants asks for funds to:

1. Tear off all interior side and ceiling paneling and replace with appropriate car siding.
2. Repair leaky roof.
3. Remove all interior mold from behind paneling.
4. Rebuild the interior window frames. Replace present plexiglas with the precut bullet-proof plexiglas that was donated to us by DeMars Signs.
5. Rebuild the exterior window frames.
6. According to attached plans, build a small sink/desk area and add two seating benches along both walls.
7. Refinish oak flooring.

The cupola in the caboose is intact and useable. The leather seating has not deteriorated. The metal ladders and handles to the cupola are substantial. The lockers below the cupola were finished by Valspar and are adequate. Only the walls and ceiling panels need replacement in the cupola area.

The photos to the right show water and mold damage to the caboose.
Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to cover our museum renovation costs this coming spring and summer. Donations can be sent to and will be welcomed by NBAHS, PO Box 120624, New Brighton, MN 55112.

Name__________________________________________ Phone Number _____________________________
Address _____________________________________________ Email address ______________________________
Enclosed is my donation to the NBAHS $____________
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I am interested in volunteering to help at the New Brighton History Center. Please contact me.

Volunteers Needed at Depot

Look over NBAHS dates on page 2. On May 17, we are doing our spring cleanup of the history center. We do this yearly to be ready for our June opening. Join us at 9AM and help us dust, vacuum, and do general cleaning.

We could really use your help on weekends at the depot this summer! We will train you so you know exactly what to do! If you can help out at the NBAHS Depot Museum this summer for a three-hour stint, Saturdays or Sundays, please contact Peg at 651-633-4070.
Presents—

“The Longest Night”

On the evening of May 6th, 1965, the worst tornado outbreak ever to strike Minnesota slammed into nearby Fridley. Join educator, historian and author

Allen Taylor

as he shares the shocking accounts from people who experienced and lived through that terrible night and the days following.

Everyone is welcome!

Free Admission!

April 24th, 2:00 p.m.

New Brighton Community Center
New Brighton Area Historical Society Presents
“A History of New Brighton”
June 17, 2014 - 2:00 PM
New Brighton Community Center

Topics to be Covered Include:
- Prehistoric Times
- First Residents of Area
- Geography of Area
- First Settlers
- Farming
- Railroad Influences
- City of New Brighton
- Early Businesses
- Churches & Schools
- Pioneer Homes
- Social Activities

Here’s a chance to learn more about the colorful history of New Brighton.
Invite Your Friends & Neighbors to Join Us!
Refreshments Served!

For More information, call 651-633-4070

Presented by Wayne Searles, NBAHS Board Member and Great-Grandson of New Brighton early residents Franklin Marion and Sadie Searles