The New Brighton Area Historical Society’s (NBAHS) Thirty-seventh Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, April 27, at 1:00 PM at the New Brighton Community Center, 400 10th St. NW, New Brighton. The Annual Meeting will begin at 1:00, with the program beginning at 2:00 PM.

The topic for our annual meeting presentation is “Civic Pride,” which will feature three New Brighton area clubs: New Brighton Lions, New Brighton - Mounds View Rotary, and New Brighton Sportsmen’s Club. See how New Brighton benefits from these volunteer organizations.

This program is co-sponsored by Ramsey County Library and the 55 Club, and funded by Minnesota’s Art & Cultural Fund.

Free admission. The public is invited. Please join us! Refreshments will be served. Door prizes! For more information, see our poster on page 2.

Visit our New Brighton History Center in the summer starting on June 4. Hours are 1:00 - 4:00 PM on Saturdays & Sundays until the end of September.

Our historic 1950 Great Northern caboose has been completely renovated and will be open for viewing all summer.

Join us!
Join us for an interesting program at our Annual Meeting on April 27, 2017, at the New Brighton Community Center. The topic will be “Civic Pride,” featuring three active area civic clubs: New Brighton Lions, New Brighton - Mounds View Rotary, and New Brighton Sportsmen’s Club. Pictured left to right, at New Brighton Lions Charter Night in 1950: John Eastman, Walker (Earl) Clark, Fred Beisswenger, Clifford Benson, J.S. (Stu) McDonald, unknown Midway Lions member, Joseph Bussard, Dr. Richard Houle, Raymond Pouliot. Original photo loaned by Mary Rue Schutta, NBAHS #148.05.
An aerial view of the annual Ice Fishing Contest, February 11, 1982, sponsored yearly by the New Brighton Sportsmen's Club. Original photo loaned by Gene Skiba, NBAHS #4.441.

Judi Beisswenger and Joe Hipp at the Sportsmen's Club annual Ice Fishing Contest. Hipp drilled the fish holes with an auger on his tractor for many years. Original photo loaned by Louise Hipp. NBAHS #99.31.

In 1989 the New Brighton Rotary assisted at a Habitat for Humanity home on 5th Ave. in New Brighton. Original photo loaned by Rotary. NBAHS photo #158.09.

Shown here are Rotarians hiding the eggs at Hansen Park for the 1990 Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Original photo loaned by Rotary, NBAHS #158.08.


New Brighton Lions members at annual raffle showing Ray Poulit, Gary Boryczka, Glenn Pletscher. NBAHS #04.828.
WE NEED HELP!

The following offices for the New Brighton Area Historical Society, 2017-2018, will be voted on at the April 27 Annual Meeting: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors. We are gathering names now for our slate of officers, which will be presented that afternoon. Please contact Peg Joyce at 651-633-4070 if you’re interested in becoming one of our directors or officers.

NEW BRIGHTON AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

New Brighton Area Historical Society 2017 Calendar of Events

April 27: NBAHS Annual Meeting
Community Center, 1:00 PM

May 20: Spring Clean-up
History Center, 9AM - 12 PM

June 3: Rhubarb Pull
Contact Jerry @ 651-633-6275 to help

June 4: Rhubarb Fest
History Center, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Museum Opens for the Season
1:00 - 4:00 PM, Saturdays & Sundays

August 6-14: Stockyard Days
History Center open extended hours:
Saturday: noon - 8PM
Sunday: 10AM - 4PM

September 24: Depot Closes for Season

October 8: Over 80s Dinner

20th Annual Rhubarb Fest
June 4: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

New Brighton History Center

The 20th Annual Rhubarb Fest, sponsored by the New Brighton Area Historical Society, continues to honor the Hipp Family and those who worked the 40 acres of rhubarb on Joe Hipp’s Lakeside Berry Farm. Come and enjoy homemade rhubarb desserts or purchase homemade rhubarb jam, rhubarb stalks, plants, and cookbooks.

The Rhubarb Pull will be at Nathe’s farm on Saturday, June 3, from 9:00 AM to noon. We can use

Photo Collection Update

Did you know that the New Brighton Area Historical Society now has 4659 photos in its collections, and that 4274 have been digitally scanned, and that we now have 182 donors who either donated or loaned us photos for copying? A listing of our photos is found at our website, www.newbrightonhistory.com > Downloadable Files > Photo Database. If you find a photo there of which you’d like a copy, email us at nbahs@me.com. Digital copies are $10 per copy.
A Message From the President

Hello, NBAHS

Members and Friends:

First of all, we are grateful for the support of all our members! If you are not already a member, please join us. Your support helps us present New Brighton area history, and to preserve it for future generations. The cost is small. You’ll find details later in this newsletter and you’ll feel so good doing it! If you are already a member, you know what I mean.

Winter is when the Society’s Board is generally on hiatus, yet we’ve been quite busy. Among the highlights, Board member Wayne Searles has been organizing our Annual Meeting in April. You can also read about that in this newsletter. I’ve helped with the flyers for the Annual Meeting the past two years and I’m assisting Wayne with that right now.

We also completed our Minnesota Legacy Fund grant for general assessment and long term planning for the Society and the depot museum. The Midwest Art Conservation Center joined us in completing the project, and with our final report now accepted, our responsibilities for the grant itself are fulfilled but that’s only the start. The long-term plan identified many needs for preserving New Brighton area history for coming generations that we’re currently pursuing.

Disaster recovery (DR) is increasingly important in all businesses and non-profits are following suit, and we are working on our own disaster plan. We are also beginning to monitor the environmental conditions of the museums to current professional standards, which will assist us in applying for a future grant for an updated HVAC system and other conservation enhancements.

Another way we are benefitting the community is with internships. I am a historic preservation professional and have done archaeological projects in the state since 1987. Last year I met an anthropology student at the University of Minnesota named China Beverly. China completed a paper for her degree on the archaeology of the Mounds View Township in which New Brighton is situated. I had the pleasure of guiding China with this, and she’s decided to come on board as a volunteer intern with NBAHS. She has written a small introduction for you below.

Have a wonderful spring! We look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting if you can attend, and at the depot museum this summer.

David Peterson
President, NBAHS

Greetings all! My name is China Beverly and I am extremely happy to begin working on projects for the New Brighton Historical Society! I have a degree in Anthropology and Sociology from the University of Minnesota. A fun fact about me is that I love to be outdoors and being one with nature. Being an intern at the museum is something I have been looking forward to since I discovered this opportunity. I just recently graduated from the U of M and I have not been more excited to do field work within the Anthropology Department! You can catch me at the museum sometime this summer. If not physically in the museum I will more than likely be writing up reports. I have written my first report for the museum on the Mounds View Township and I am excited to share it with everyone. I was given the project of doing research on the township’s background and any archaeological evidence of Native tribes living previously on the land we now call New Brighton. I started this project at the beginning of January and took trips to the State Historic Preservation Office to gather all my evidence of archeological significance of New Brighton. I look forward to working with everyone, writing more reports such as this one and doing more projects around the museum! If you see me, do not hesitate to say Hi!
New Brighton Area Historical Society Website: www.newbrightonhistory.com

We continue to see an increase in users to our website. On February 19, 2015, there were 1830 hits. As of April 10, 2017, there were 7176 hits. Go to our site for lots of interesting information and photos concerning the history of the New Brighton area.

NBAHS Plank Sales
The NBAHS has sold 659 planks to date for its decking surrounding the depot. And we still have planks available for future engraving! If you’re interested, you may send your requests to our address on page one. You can also download our plank flyer at www.newbrightonhistory.com > Downloadable Forms > Plank Flyer. The price is $50 for up to 25 letters and/or characters, with $2 for each additional letter and/or character.

NBAHS Book Sales Continue
Are we still selling our books? Of course, and here’s where: New Brighton City Hall and Community Center, Beisswenger’s Hardware and at the New Brighton History Center, (summers only). To date we have sold all but 55 of the green book by Gene Skiba. We have sold 646 of the red book, 1880s-1950s, and 456 of the blue book, 1950s-2000s. You can download our book flyer at: www.newbrightonhistory.com > NBAHS History Books.

Your membership supports our all-volunteer organization and allows us to showcase our history and honor our heritage for years to come. Help us preserve and share the fascinating history of the New Brighton area by becoming a member today! If you are already a member, please check your mailing label for your membership expiration date. If expired, or about to expire, please renew in a timely manner and return the form below to: NBAHS, PO Box 120624, New Brighton, MN 55112.

Name ______________________________________ Senior $10/per person over 65 ______ Date ____________
Address ____________________________________ Individual $15 ______ Invite a friend to join the NBAHS
City ____________________________ State_______ Family $25 ______
Zip ________________ Phone ________________ Life $150 ______ Club, Business $100 ______
Email address ____________________________ I would like information on volunteer opportunities __________________