

AGENDA
Minnetonka History Commission
Meeting of Tuesday, September 25, 2007
Gray's Bay Room, Minnetonka Community Center
6:30 P.M.

1. Roll Call

DeeAnn Bloom, Jenna Burfeind, Joan George, Betty Johnson, David Olson, Joe Van Sloun

2. Discussion Items

a. Minutes of August 20, 2007, meeting

b. Burwell House

- Repair status
- Final tour numbers for 2007
- Antique market survey results
- Dog statue
- Rasche plaque/tree
- Use Policy

c. Fire Department and City-Wide Open House: Oct. 9, 5-8 p.m.

- Location
- Display
- Shift sign-up

d. Minnehaha Creek visioning update

e. Historical markers

- Staff tour of Glen Lake Golf Course, Lone Lake Park
- Logo
- Proposed wording

h. 2008 Meeting dates

4. Adjourn

TO: Minnetonka History Commission

FROM: Jacque Larson, Community Relations Manager
Laura Ronbeck, Administrative Project Specialist

DATE: September 19, 2007

SUBJ: Meeting of September 25, 2007

Discussion Items Background Information:

a. Review and approval of August 20, 2007, minutes

b. Burwell House

○ Repair Status

Repair of steps and paint touch-up was completed in mid-September. Further repair work will be necessary next summer. City staff are waiting for a quote to re-paint the entire house.

○ Final tour numbers for 2007

Laura Ronbeck will provide these numbers. Overall, tour numbers were up due to better publicity this year. We are considering extending the tour season in 2008, since interest this year continued well into September.

○ Antique market survey results

After hearing feedback at the last history commission meeting regarding this year's antique fair, staff sent a survey to the antique dealers who participated.

○ Dog statue

Joe Van Sloun reports that the Minnetonka Historical Society has some interest in moving the Burwell dog from the council chambers to their museum on the Burwell property.

○ Rasche plaque/tree

Tom Rasche has expressed interest in placing a tree and plaque at Burwell to honor his parents' role in restoration of the site. Laura and Jacque are working with appropriate city staff to determine how this would fit into the site.

○ Burwell Use Policy

As a follow-up to last month's meeting, commission members are asked to discuss how the Burwell Use Policy might be altered to allow broader use of the property for special events such as business meetings, weddings, etc.

c. Fire Department and City-Wide Open House

Event is set for Tuesday, Oct. 9, from 5 to 8 p.m. Booth will be located in the corner between the council chambers and the Purgatory Creek room (chairs and table currently in this area will be removed for the evening). Theme will center on oral history project, and will include photos such as that of city staff posing at the site of the first sanitary sewer project in town.

Please sign up to staff the booth for a one-hour shift during the Open House event.

d. Minnehaha Creek visioning update

A joint study session of the Minnetonka City Council, Minnetonka Park Board, Three Rivers Park District, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and Hennepin County was held Monday, Sept. 17, to discuss goals and opportunities. Further information will be in the December or January *Minnetonka Memo*.

e. Historical markers

- Laura and Jacque visited the historical sign at Lone Lake Park to investigate its physical condition, and also visited the Glen Lake Golf Course to determine the location of the history display regarding the Glen Lake Sanitarium (see attached photos).
- A graphic designer has been hired to develop a historical marker logo, suitable for use on various types of signs.
- A starting point with which to begin deciding on wording for the signs is attached. More information is needed on several of the areas.

f. 2008 meeting dates

Remaining meeting dates for 2007 and meeting dates for 2008 are attached to this packet.

**Minutes
Minnetonka History Commission
Meeting of August 20, 2007**

1. Roll Call

Commission members present: DeeAnn Bloom, Jenna Burfeind, Joan George, Betty Johnson, David Olson, Joe Van Sloun

Staff: Jacque Larson, Laura Ronbeck

Chair Van Sloun called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m

2. Discussion Items:

a. Minutes

George moved, Bloom seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2007, community heritage commission meeting. All voted "yes." Motion carried.

b. Recap of recent special events

Ronbeck distributed a summary of the Ice Cream Social expenses and revenues. Revenues were up this year. Larson said the Art Fair was successful. A survey was sent to the artists and their suggestions will be considered when planning begins for next year.

VanSloun said that the society had a concern regarding the hours of the Antique Market. They felt some of the vendors did not participate because of the shortened hours and the additional rules. Staff explained that the rules were consistent with other art fairs, and also incorporated the rules the society had used the previous year. In addition, the city attorney reviewed and approved the rules and requirements for insurance and the hold harmless agreement.

Staff also reported that the lecture about the history of Minnehaha Creek by Deborah Morse-Kahn had been very well received. The council chamber, which seats 100, was filled to capacity and extra chairs were brought in.

Van Sloun questioned how it had been advertised and asked if the society events could be publicized in the *Memo*. Larson replied she'd be happy to advertise their events, however she needs a one-month lead time. Larson said she would add a Minnetonka Historical Society email contact to her *Memo* email reminder list, so that contact would receive a reminder of when articles are due. Van Sloun said the contact should be Dorothy Welch.

c. Ideas for future history-related events

City-wide open house

Staff asked if the commission had any suggestions for their open house display. Staff suggested setting up the smaller version of the history timeline, and some artifacts from the Burwell House. Burwell brochures could be handed out with a signup sheet for information about special tours. The commission concurred with this idea.

Staff asked Van Sloun what the society was planning. He thought they'd probably set up something about the streetcars.

Focus on Minnetonka history, other than Burwell

There was a discussion about the sanatorium display in the Glen Lake Golf Course clubhouse. It was suggested that staff work with the Three Rivers Park District to have it more prominently displayed.

George asked if there was any additional information on the Oak Knoll and Glen Lake areas. Johnson said she had names of people to be interviewed but cannot do all of the interviews herself.

George suggested working with the community commission on gathering information on Oak Knoll. Burfeind said that David Hakensen had been working on setting up interviews when he was on the history commission, but she didn't know where he was at in the process. It was suggested that the Oak Knoll Lutheran Church would be a good place to do an interview of long-time residents, and open it to the public as a panel discussion.

Olson suggested a scavenger hunt of historic places in Minnetonka.

d. Burwell House update

Recent activities

Larson reported on the recent painting of the porches. The east steps are also going to be replaced.

Ronbeck reported that the recent city of Minnetonka employee picnic on the grounds had been very successful. About 125 people toured the house.

Ronbeck gave an update of the tour season to date. Due to the increased marketing of special tours the overall number of people touring the house has increased. George suggested that consideration be given to reinstating Sunday tours next year. Staff will check on the feasibility given the number of guides and hours and days they are willing to work.

Burwell Use Policy

Ronbeck distributed the policy and asked that members consider it for discussion at the next commission meeting. She has had numerous calls regarding use of the site but has turned people down due to the restrictions of the policy. Some possible new uses could include: small business meetings in the house, corporate picnics, graduation open houses, weddings, etc. Staff realizes that there would have to be a limit on the number of events at the site and staff would work with the facilities division regarding staffing.

Location of dog statue

Staff suggested that since the dog's history related to the Burwell family, it would be appropriate for the dog to be moved to the society's museum. Van Sloun expressed concern with the weight of the dog and the space it would require. Johnson suggested putting a sign on the council chamber door explaining the significance of the dog.

e. **Historical marker signs**

Glen Lake Streetscaping

Staff met with the community development department regarding the proposed streetscaping in Glen Lake. Staff also discussed the Minnetonka Blvd. and Hwy. 101 area. Staff wanted these departments to be aware of the proposed historical markers as they worked with the business community on updating these and other areas. It was suggested that the design and type of marker be based on the use of the area, perhaps with a common logo or shape to identify them as a historical sign.

Staff proposed writing the text for these signs and bringing them to the commission for comment. The commission concurred with this approach.

Minnehaha Creek visioning

As the visioning for the creek goes forward it will involve the city of Minnetonka, Hennepin County, Three Rivers Park District, and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.

George asked if one of the city-owned houses could be turned over to the society. Bloom stated that the houses were in poor condition. Larson said that at some point it was hoped that an interpretive center about the creek would be built. Van Sloun asked if any space would be available for the historical society.

f. **2008 meeting dates**

Due to staff conflicts, the September meeting date will be changed to September 25.

The commission will continue to meet on the third Monday of the month in 2008. Staff will put the dates together.

3. Adjournment

Olson moved, Johnson seconded a motion to adjourn. All voted "yes."
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Ronbeck
Administrative Projects Specialist

USE OF BURWELL PROPERTY

EFFECTIVE DATE:

Council Policy on Use of the
Burwell Property

The purpose of this policy is to set out conditions for the use and reservation of the Burwell property.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

Applicability

This policy applies to the City-owned property known as the Burwell property, consisting of buildings and land generally located at 13209 McGinty Road.

Burwell Park Grounds

| The Burwell Park grounds -will be open and available to the general public for passive recreational activities such as small picnics and the enjoyment of Minnehaha Creek. The property is designated as "City of Minnetonka Parkland" with the additional designation of "National Historic Site."

Burwell House

The City recognizes the joint interests of the City, through its City Council, Community Resources Commission, and Park Board, and the Minnetonka Historical Society (MHS) in the Burwell House and other buildings on the site. The City Council has designated the Community Resources Commission as the lead agency for making recommendations to the City Council concerning use of this site. In making this designation, the City Council likewise charges the Commission to ensure the involvement of MHS and the Park Board in decisions related to the site. The Minnetonka Historical Society and the City have the right to schedule tours and special events within the buildings. All restoration plans and physical improvements will be approved in advance by the City Council except that City staff may proceed with emergency or minor repairs and maintenance without prior Council approval.

Reserved Use

There will be no reserved use of the grounds by private groups, other than for the those activities sponsored by the City and the Historical Society, and such other events which may be allowed through the provisions of Appendix A, attached hereto. The City Clerk's office is responsible for scheduling the Burwell site. The Community Resources

Commission will, as part of its annual report summarize the public utilization of the site. This report will be conveyed to the City Council, the Minnetonka Historical Society, and the Park Board.

Rules and Regulations

All other Park Rules and Regulations of the City which are not inconsistent with the above will apply to Burwell Park.

Adopted by Resolution No. 81-6537
Council Meeting of April 20, 1981

Amended by Resolution No. 94-
Council Meeting of

Reservation of Burwell Park Grounds

The following procedure and rules must be utilized for the reservation of the Burwell Park grounds by private groups. All conditions must be met, without exception. Violations will be cause for the immediate revocation of the City permit for reserved use.

1. Application - By January 1 of each year, the Minnetonka Historical Society will submit to the City Clerk, a list of events scheduled through December 31 of that year at the Burwell property. The Society will promptly advise Recreation Services of any additions or cancellations to this list. The City Clerk will accept applications for permits for the non-exclusive reservation of the Burwell Park Grounds for weddings and receptions at any time throughout the year. Applications will be made in writing, upon forms supplied by the City, at least three weeks in advance of the desired date of use.
2. Permits - Upon receipt of completed applications, the City Clerk will issue permits on a first-come, first-served basis for events to be scheduled one per weekend, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, from May 15 to October 1 of each year. However, reservations will not be allowed at times of scheduled City or Historical Society events.
3. Permit Fee - Completed applications must be accompanied by a permit fee of \$250. Of the \$250 fee, \$150 shall be a non-refundable permit fee; the remaining \$100 will be used as a damage deposit which may be refunded provided the user leaves the grounds in a clean condition and causes no damage to the site or structures. Refunds of \$225 will be made when cancellations are received in writing at least one regular City working day in advance of the permit date.
4. Permit Conditions - Permits issued for reserved use of the Burwell Park grounds will be subject to the following conditions:
 - A. Time Limit - Use will not be longer than ten hours, including set up and take down time. Applicants may use the park grounds for rehearsals the night before provided no equipment is used. Applicants must coordinate this use with the City Clerk's office to ensure that there are no other conflicts.
 - B. Attendance - Limited to 100 people or less, except as otherwise allowed by specific City Clerk authorization. If such a variance is granted, additional conditions may apply.

C. Facilities -

1. Applicants must reimburse the City at the rate of \$25/hour for a staff person to be present at the site during the use period. The staff person will disarm and arm the security system, be available to answer questions, and monitor the use of the facility. Applicants must also hire off-duty Minnetonka police personnel for the period of time between one-half hour before and one-half hour after the portion of the event that will include the most people.
2. Running water and a handicapped accessible restroom is available in the cottage.
3. Electrical power is available on the site. Applicants must provide a list of appliances and/or equipment for which power is needed.
4. Users will abide by the site plan provided to them by the City concerning placement of serving areas for food, beverages, and alcohol and other equipment such as tables, chairs, parking, etc. No motor vehicles may be operated in areas outside the driveway and parking lot surfaces.
5. Tents or canopies may be utilized subject to prior review by City staff of their size and the means by which they will be secured to the ground. Installation of the tent must occur during the reserved time allotted in the permit.
6. Serving tables and chairs are allowed subject to staff review and approval.
7. Applicants may only use the interior of the cottage under the permitted uses. Parties wishing interior tours of the house must make specific arrangements for those tours. The workshop is not available during events. With prior approval of the City, the front porch of the House may be utilized for such things as photographs or for the person presiding over a wedding.
8. No overnight storage is available or allowed. All equipment and temporary facilities such as tents and canopies must be brought in and set up during the allowed permit time.

D. Parking and Transportation – Limited on-site parking is available. (A map showing nearby parking areas will be provided to permit holders. The names and telephone numbers of the owners of such parking areas will be provided to permit holders in order to obtain permission for their use.)

- E. Alcoholic Beverages - Use and/or serving of alcoholic beverages or beer is allowed only under the approval by the City of a special application form. In any case, permits will be only for beer or wine in non-glass containers. Permits will be issued only to groups of 25 people or more. Alcoholic beverages may be possessed and consumed only in areas designated on the site plan provided by the City. The person responsible for the gathering must remain on the park premises at all times that alcoholic beverages are being served, must have the permit in possession, and must display it upon the request of authorized City personnel. If a special permit for alcoholic beverages is requested, an additional fee of \$50 will be added to the permit fee.

- 5. Liability Waiver and Damage Responsibility - Applicants for permits will provide, in a form acceptable to the Minnetonka City Attorney, a waiver of liability of the City for damage or injury, and an acceptance of responsibility for any damage to the property occurring as a result of the reservation, to be provided to the City at least ten (10) working days prior to the date of intended use.

- 6. Administrative Variances. City staff members may grant variances to any of these provisions provided such variances are in keeping with the spirit of the policy and pose no threat to the historical integrity of the site.

ADOPTED BY RESOLUTION NO. 82-6797
COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 1982

AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 94-
COUNCIL MEETING OF

Glen Lake Golf Course History Display



Lone Lake Park Historical Marker



Excerpt of March 19, 2007, minutes of the Minnetonka History Commission regarding Historical marker signs.

Historical marker signs

The commission suggested the following areas for historical signs:

- Lone Lake Park
 - o It was noted that there is a marker here, but it is in very poor physical condition.
- Glen Lake Sanitarium
 - o There is historic signage in the club house, however it is in a back corner. It was suggested that staff contact Three Rivers Park to see if it could be placed in a more prominent spot – possibly outside of the door.
- Purgatory/Junctions parks
 - o Information on the street cars
 - o At Purgatory there could also be information about the springs
- Groveland
 - o Discussion about where to put signage
 - o Possible solutions would be Gro-Tonka park or on the garage that belonged to Ty Abel
- Glen Lake
 - o Locate at the plaza that is being re-done
- Big Willow/ St. Albans
 - o Information on house foundation
 - o Possibly rail line
- Old Town Hall
- Oak Knoll area
 - o Signage at Westridge Pavillion
- Highpoint
 - o Highest point in Hennepin county
- Mills Park
 - o Gazebo
 - o Check to see if current sign has information about American Indians
- 7-Hi area
- Post-WW II residential

From this list the commission suggested the following as priorities:
Glen Lake

Glen Lake Sanitarium
High Point (add elevation to existing street sign)
Big Willow
Purgatory
Oak Knoll

The commission also suggested keeping a consistent look between the signs. Staff suggested that the signs should not be about just the site, but the area it represented. The commission concurred.

The commission expressed their appreciation to the council for allocating funding for the signs. The commission has advocated for this signage for many years.

Historical Markers

1. Big Willow/ St. Albans

2. Purgatory/Junction parks

3. Oak Knoll area

Oak Knoll was located at Hopkins Crossroad (County Road 73) on both sides of a popular route from Minneapolis to Lake Minnetonka. On an 1890 map the road was called the Minneapolis and Wayzata Road. Later...it was named Superior Boulevard, Wayzata Boulevard, State Highway 12, and now Interstate 394.

Like most of Minnetonka Township, Oak Knoll started out as a farming community. Gradually in the early 1920's a few venturesome families looking for a country place not too far from Minneapolis began building homes in the newly platted Boulevard Gardens. The area then became known as Oak Knoll, because of the forests of Oak Trees on the rolling hills.

Over the years, the businesses on both sides of the highway included grocery stores, a root beer stand, a drug store, a tavern, garage and automobile service stations, and a kennel that trained guide dogs.

One business provided postal service and a Notary Public, as well as handling driver's license applications.

In the summer, free movies would be shown on the plain white side of the tavern building on the north side of the highway. Stop signs, then stoplights, controlled traffic at the busy intersection.

In the 1960's, the east-west highway was widened to four lanes with a median, and a "dogleg" bridge was built over the highway to carry north-south traffic of Hopkins Crossroad.

Though that bridge design was supposed to allow businesses to continue, it didn't work. The Oak Knoll business area almost completely disappeared in a few short years. The bridge was soon replaced with one that went straight across the highway.

The only remnants today of this small "town" are a church and a brick school building. The Oak Knoll Lutheran Church building a few blocks north of I-394 is the third structure for that congregation, which was organized in 1932.

Less than a mile south of I-394, the Oak Knoll School for eight grades replaced a one-room building in 1925. It was part of the Hopkins School District from 1954 to 1972. The former school building is now a private facility for special needs students.

The community of Oak Knoll has been replaced by two modern office buildings (Siemens), two park-and-ride lots, the Westridge shopping center and a highway interchange. The name is almost gone.

(401 words)
May 18, 2006
by Betty Johnson

4. Groveland

The Groveland area at Minnetonka Blvd. and Highway 101, is also known as Chowen's Corner in honor of William S. Chowen, the first settler there in 1853. He donated land for the Groveland one-room school.

Other early residents were workers who helped construct the sawmill, boarding house, and dam on Minnehaha Creek at present-day Minnetonka Mills. James Shaver and his wife, Sarah Chowen, became parents of twin boys who were the first white children born in Minnetonka. Other members of their families, including Sarah's brothers and sister, Susan, and her husband, Amos Gray, soon followed them to also make land claims and build homes.

This intersection is also called Ty Abel Corner. In the early 1940s, Ty and his wife moved to the area to operate a service station. In 1946, he built his own station on the northeast corner of the intersection. The building's architectural style, the length of time he operated the station and other businesses in the vicinity, and his community involvement all contributed to the designation.

A pioneer from Pennsylvania was the first burial in the Groveland Cemetery in 1856. That same year, the Gray's 16-month old son died and was buried there. The cemetery is still in use.

In 1887, a bridge was constructed over the channel between Grays Bay and Wayzata. Hennepin County built the dam at the outlet of Minnehaha Creek from Grays Bay in 1897 to replace the one at Minnetonka Mills. Both of these structures have been updated several times in the years since then; the most recent upgrade in 2004 included both the bridge for Highway 101 and the marina next to it in Grays Bay.

As tourism on nearby Lake Minnetonka diminished in the early 1900s, city dwellers began building summer homes along the shores of Wayzata Bay and Grays Bay. One of Minnetonka's first residential developments, Tonkawoodcroft, east of Highway 101 on the south side of Minnetonka Blvd., was platted in 1913.

In 1946, when Harold Melby arrived to teach at Groveland School (he was the principal from 1953 to 1981), he said, "The land from Groveland School Road to Highway 101 was pretty much open land with some vegetable farming. (Across the street) the land south of Minnetonka Boulevard ... was a fenced pasture. During noon recess outdoors, we could see grazing cattle." Today, this crossroads is a thriving commercial retail and office area.

Bennett Field, a few blocks south on Highway 101, is on land donated by Ted Bennett in 1955 to the Deephaven Gun Club, which allowed Little League baseball to be played on a portion of the property. By 1959, the entire parcel was being used for recreation. Now, it's Bennett Family Park, self-supporting and run by volunteers.

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5. Glen Lake

Glen Lake is a neighborhood and commercial area on Excelsior Blvd. (County Rd. 3) at Eden Prairie Road (County Rd. 4) and Williston Road. The large lake for which it is named is southeast of that intersection. Robert Glen, for whom the lake and neighborhood center are named, owned land in the late 1850s where the County Boys Home, golf course and Woodgate Elementary School are now located.

Ceil Robertson Marshall, wrote in her 1979 booklet, "Welcome to Glen Lake:" "Glen Lake has never been an [official] town. It has been a community and at one time some residents wanted to incorporate. It was decided, after much discussion and some angry feelings, that it would be better to stay within the Minnetonka Township government." Not long after, voters in the township decided in 1956 to incorporate as a village that included Glen Lake. To many who live in the area, Glen Lake still feels like a small town.

Chris Kraemer moved to Glen Lake in 1907. On the southwest corner of the intersection, he built a general store with family quarters on the upper floors. Before that, most of the farms in the area were self-sufficient for food, but other goods had to be purchased in Hopkins or Excelsior. After 1907, most anything customers needed could be purchased in the Kraemer store, from food to materials for sewing to hardware, animal

feed, and clothing for farmers. By the 1930s Glen Lake's commercial area included two grocery stores, a couple of filling stations, the post office, a garage and a barber shop. The story is told that during the wartime gas rationing of the 1940s, traffic through Glen Lake was so light that another store-owner's dog was known to sleep in the middle of the street undisturbed for hours. Kraemer built a new shopping center in 1958, where he occupied a larger store at the west end. By the 1980s the business, now primarily a hardware store, moved across Excelsior Blvd. into a new building.

Other businesses were east of the intersection. Today Glenhaven, another shopping center built in the 1980s, is being redeveloped.

From 1881 to 1891, a narrow-gauge railway ran through Glen Lake between Minneapolis and Excelsior. In 1907, the right-of way was upgraded for electric streetcars and freighters. The tracks ran through Glen Lake on the south side of Excelsior Blvd. and under a bridge for Eden Prairie Road, where there was a station. That depot was well-used by commuters, farmers taking their goods to Hopkins or Minneapolis, and by those who worked at the Sanatorium. The line was discontinued in 1932 when buses took over transportation. Traces of the line can still be seen just west of Glen Lake, especially at the entrance to Purgatory Park where a bridge went over Purgatory Creek.

The original one-room Glen Lake School (called the Jackson School for the nearby farmer) was east of Glen Lake on Excelsior Blvd. In 1911 a brick building with two classrooms was built on the corner of Woodhill Rd. and Excelsior Blvd. It was enlarged in 1945 to four rooms, a gymnasium, library and office. Year-end school picnics took place in Skunk Hollow, north of the school in today's Forest Hills. Glen Lake School District # 115 consolidated with the Hopkins School District in 1946. In 1960, the old structure was bought by the city to be used as a community center. It was torn down in the 1990s to accommodate a soccer field and a skateboard park. As population grew, two new schools were constructed to serve the area: Glen Lake Elementary on Woodbridge Rd. (1956), and Gatewood Elementary south of Glen Lake near Eden Prairie Rd. (1970).

South of Glen Lake on the east side of Eden Prairie Road, the Glen Lake Tuberculosis Sanatorium opened in 1916. The multi-building complex owned by Hennepin County was one of the three leading tuberculosis treatment institutions in the world. At the height of the TB epidemic in the 1930s, 715 people of all ages lived there in a self-contained community while they received the best medical treatment available, plenty of sunshine, rest and good food.

The Minnesota Department of Public Welfare (now Human Services) assumed operation from Hennepin County in 1962 and guided the transition from tuberculosis sanatorium to

Oak Terrace Nursing Home. The state closed the nursing home in 1991 and the buildings were demolished. During the 75 years of service by the sanatorium and nursing home, care was provided for over 17,000 people.

Hennepin County opened the public nine-hole Glen Lake Golf & Practice Center 1997 as a self-supporting facility, operated by Three Rivers Park District.

The Glen Lake Optimist Club was originally formed in 1948 as the "Glen Lake Men's Club," until it received a charter from Optimist International in 1950. The club's motto is "Friend of Youth" and, with proceeds from its annual Christmas tree sale, the Glen Lake Optimist Club helps support many youth-oriented activities and organizations in the area. The club was responsible for building the first permanent hockey rink and warming house in the city, at Glen Lake Elementary School. Other community support has included the donation of "seed money" toward the first Minnetonka Summer Festival; work in Kinsel Park; and the Hennepin County Home School Carnival.

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May 18, 2006
by Betty Johnson

6. Old Town Hall

7. 7-Hi area

**Minnetonka History Commission
2007-08 Meeting Schedule**

2007 Remaining Meeting Dates:

Monday, Nov. 19

2008 Meeting Dates (all at 6:30 p.m.)

January 14: Joint meeting with Minnetonka Historical Society

March 17

April 21: Joint meeting with Minnetonka Historical Society

May 19

July 21

September 22

November 17

Other dates to keep in mind for 2008:

Kids' Fest

Sunday, Feb. 10, 12-4 p.m.

Summer Festival

Saturday, June 28, 4-10 p.m.

Fire Department and City Wide Open House

Tuesday, October 7, 5-8 p.m.