



WAYZATA HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD

Meeting Agenda

Wayzata City Hall Community Room, 600 Rice Street

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

2:00 PM

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of Minutes**
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Appoint Designee to Represent Heritage Preservation Board on Klapprich Park Mural Project Subcommittee
 - b. Select City Council Meeting Date and Appoint Designee to Attend Meeting for Trolley Event Promotion
 - c. Workshop Agenda - Heritage Preservation Board Trolley Event Planning
- 5. New Business**
- 6. Other Items**
 - a. City Calendar and Next HPB Meeting Date
- 7. Adjournment**

Members of the Heritage Preservation Board and some staff may gather at the Wayzata Bar and Grill immediately after the meeting or a purely social event. All members of the public are welcome.



City of Wayzata Heritage Preservation Board Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2026	AGENDA ITEM: 4.a
TITLE: Appoint Designee to Represent Heritage Preservation Board on Klapprich Park Mural Project Subcommittee	
PROPOSED MOTION: To appoint [member/chair] [_INSERT NAME_] as designated Heritage Preservation Board representative on the Klapprich Park Mural Project subcommittee.	
PREPARED BY: Haily Hedblom, Planner	
REVIEWED BY: Alex Sharpe, Community Development Director	

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff requests that board members identify and formally appoint one or more representative(s) of HPB to serve on the newly created subcommittee for the Klapprich Park Mural Project.

FINANCIAL OR BUDGET CONSIDERATION:

N/A

2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES RELEVANCE:

BACKGROUND:

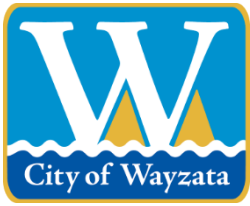
Staff has been coordinating the formation of a subcommittee comprised of representatives from the Public Art Committee, Parks and Trails Board, and Heritage Preservation Board to develop a mural within the Klapprich warming house. At present, two members of the Public Art Committee and one member of the Parks and Trails Board have been designated to serve on the subcommittee. The Heritage Preservation Board is invited to appoint one to two members to participate as well.

The intent is to foster collaboration among these groups to design and implement a mural that enhances both the park and the broader community. If the HPB designates a Board Member to participate in the subcommittee, staff will contact all of the participants to determine a date and time that works best to meet and discuss the project in more detail.

A photo of the future mural location has been provided by staff and will be shared during the meeting for additional context.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



City of Wayzata Heritage Preservation Board Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2026	AGENDA ITEM: 4.b
TITLE: Select City Council Meeting Date and Appoint Designee to Attend Meeting for Trolley Event Promotion	
PROPOSED MOTION: To appoint [member/chair] [INSERT NAME_] as designated Heritage Preservation Board representative to attend [CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE_] in order to promote the trolley event.	
PREPARED BY: Haily Hedblom, Planner	
REVIEWED BY: Alex Sharpe, Community Development Director	

ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff requests that board members identify and formally appoint one or more representative(s) of HPB to attend an upcoming City Council meeting to promote the trolley event.

FINANCIAL OR BUDGET CONSIDERATION:

N/A

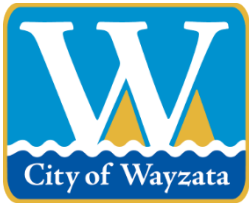
2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES RELEVANCE:

BACKGROUND:

The Board has been planning to select an upcoming City Council meeting to have one or more members attend and speak during the public forum portion of the meeting in an effort to promote the upcoming trolley event.

ATTACHMENTS:

None



City of Wayzata Heritage Preservation Board Agenda Report

MEETING DATE: April 8, 2026	AGENDA ITEM: 4.c
TITLE: Workshop Agenda - Heritage Preservation Board Trolley Event Planning	
PROPOSED MOTION: N/A - No actions to be taken	
PREPARED BY:	
REVIEWED BY:	

ACTION REQUESTED:

N/A - No actions to be taken

FINANCIAL OR BUDGET CONSIDERATION:

N/A

2024-2026 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITIES RELEVANCE:

N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Heritage Preservation Board is meeting in a workshop format to plan a historical trolley event in 2026. Board members will discuss roles and responsibilities for each member but no formal actions will be taken.

Related Updates and Documents

At the direction of the Board, staff made a reservation for the rental trolley on the anticipated event date of May 17, 2026 from 11AM to 3PM. A receipt including the twenty percent nonrefundable deposit as well as the contracted amount for the full event rental is attached. Staff also arranged for the back-up date of May 20, 2026 from 4PM - 8PM.

HPB member Kim Gharrity submitted the Special Event Permit Application required to host the event. The application is currently under review by the City's Public Works, Police and Fire Departments. A copy of the application submission is included in the packet.

Staff has located additional materials related to trolley events hosted by HPB in the past. These materials are included in the packet for discussion during the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Renee's Limousine Trolley Rental Invoice
2. Special Event Permit Application for Heritage Preservation Board Trolley Event
3. 2026 Proposed Trolley Route Map
4. HPB TROLLEY TRIPS 2008
5. May 2008 HPB Event Calendars & Flyers
6. East Trolley Trip

Personal Message:

Hi Alex, here is your copy of the invoice for the City of Wayzata Trolley transportation. Thank you! Renee



Renee's Limousines

LIMOS - COACHES - TROLLEYS

12813 Industrial Park Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 55441

763.551.1919 | info@ReneesLimousines.com

www.ReneesLimousines.com

Invoice: 5686
Invoice Date: 05/10/2026
Terms: DUR
Due By: 05/10/2026

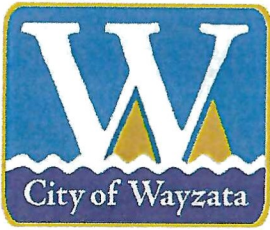
Bill To:

CITY OF WAYZATA / ALEX SHARPE
600 RICE STREET
WAYZATA, MN 55391

PO/Reference #
N/A

Conf#	Date	Passenger	Client #	Vehicle Type	Trip Total	Total Due
Type	Times	Driver	Booked By	Routing Information		
53367	05/17/2026	Sharpe, Alex		TROLLEY30	1,214.40	914.40
	11:00 AM 03:00 PM	N/A		PU: -- : Wayzata MN ST: -- : Routing to be determined DO: -- : Wayzata		

Total: 1,214.40
Discount : 0.00
Finance Charge: 0.00
Payments: 300.00
Total Due (\$): 914.40



SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT APPLICATION

Only completed applications with payment will be accepted

EVENT INFORMATION	
Name of Event:	Heritage Preservation Board Trolley Event
Estimated Attendance:	90
Type of Event (festival, parade, athletic, valet parking, etc.):	4 (30 minute) trolley rides
Event Set Up Date:	Sunday, May 17, 2026 Time: 10:30 a.m.
Actual Event Date(s):	Sunday, May 17, 2026 Time: 11:00 a.m.
Event Clean Up Date:	Sunday, May 17, 2026 Time: 3:00 p.m.
Event Location:	Tours begin & end at the Wayzata Depot

APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Sponsoring Organization Name:	Heritage Preservation Board	
Primary Contact Person:	Kim Gharrity	
Address:	201 Ridgeview Drive	
City:	Wayzata	State: MN.
		Zip: 55391
E-Mail:	Kcgharrity@gmail.com	Phone: 612-386-5310
Name of On-Site Contact Person During Event:	Same	
Cell Phone:	See above.	

N/A If the event is held on private property, please include a written statement by the property owner that the applicant has permission to use their property.

N/A If the event has road closures that impact residents and/or business they need to be notified in writing of the closure two weeks in advance.

EVENT DETAILS	
Is the event open to the public?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Will admission be charged?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, amount per ticket \$ <u>TBD... \$ 3-4</u>
Will sound amplification be used?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p><i>If Yes, amplified sound requires an onsite contact person that is directly responsible for being able to turn down the music if requested. Note there is no amplified sound allowed from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am.</i></p> <p>Contact Person: _____ Cell Phone: _____</p> <p><i>There may be a microphone on the trolley as it moves, but just so the trolley occupants can hear the presentation.</i></p>	
FOOD & BEVERAGE	
Will alcohol be at the event?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p><i>If Yes, a temporary liquor license and a police officer are required.</i></p> <p>Contact Person: _____ Cell Phone: _____</p>	
Will food be prepared on-site?	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>If food is being prepared on-site, what hours will it be on-site and what type: <i>Ben & Jerry's ice cream cart will be available for purchase. Max AlMich from B&J's will coordinate needed permits. His # - 612-202-6076</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> (You'll also need to contact City Hall to determine food licensing needs)</p>	

SET-UP DETAILS	
Are there events in the air? (fireworks, parachutes, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Will there be inflatables? (bounce house, jumpers, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Will there be canopies or tents?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Will a stage be set-up?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Will temporary fencing be used?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Will barricade(s) be needed?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<p>If Yes, Describe: (Fireworks Permit/Inspection is Required)</p> <p>If Yes, indicate on the site map what item(s) will be where.</p> <p>If Yes, list the number to be installed and dimensions: Date Installed: _____ Date Removed: _____</p> <p>If Yes, list the dimensions:</p> <p>If Yes, indicate on the site map the materials used & location(s) placed.</p> <p>If Yes, a traffic control plan should be provided.</p>	

Will power be needed? Describe power needs and location(s):

no

Describe trash removal and cleanup plan **during** and **after** event (event signage must be removed as well):

There are 7 public trash cans in very close proximity to where

the ice cream cart will be situated.

All Applications must be submitted with the following:

- Application (above)
- Proof of Insurance to come from the trolley
- Schedule of Activities involves 4 30 minute trolley rides through Wayzata narrated by Joanie Holst, a local Wayzata historian.
- Site Plan and/or Route Map + Parking Plan (directions & details above) Attendees will use available public and street parking.
- Permit Fee not sure if there'll be a fee?
- \$1,000 Damage Deposit (Level 3 Events Only)
 - Refundable if there is no damage or expenses are incurred by the city
- Additional Applicable Fees (see rate sheet below) (i.e. pavilion rental, extra storage, etc.)

A complete application & materials will be considered for approval and will be considered FINAL, once approved.

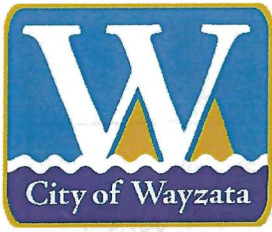
An approved special event permit is not transferable, not refundable, and is not valid for any other date or purpose than specified above. A copy of an approved permit must be available for inspection at all times during the event. We do have a back-up rain day planned for Wednesday, May 20th from 4-8 p.m. with all the same details as above...

Applicant and Event Organizer's Agreement: if that's ok?

On behalf of Applicant (and if applicable, the affiliated organization holding the event), I agree to abide by all applicable City Ordinances regulating special events and the use of public parks, and all activities associated with the event. I agree to indemnify and hold the City of Wayzata harmless from any personal injury or other claims resulting from our use of public property or the event. I agree to pay for all public safety and/or public works costs as specified in my application. I agree to pay for any damage done to public and other property arising from the event. I agree that I am 18-years of age or older.

Permit Applicant Name: Kim C. Gharrity

Permit Applicant Signature: Kim C. Gharrity Date: 3/12/26



Permit #: SE-2026 - _____

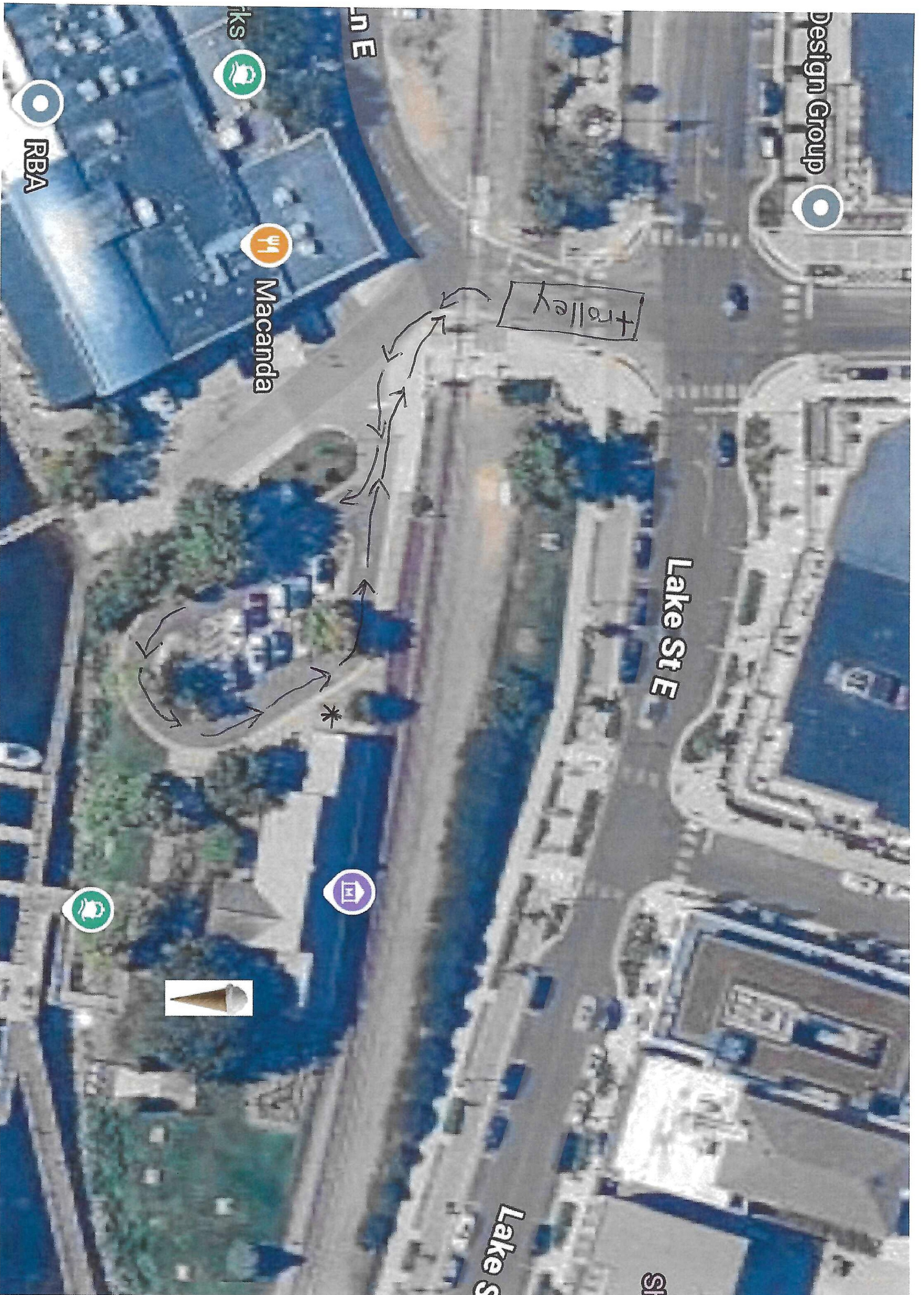
City Manager or Designee: _____ **Date:** _____

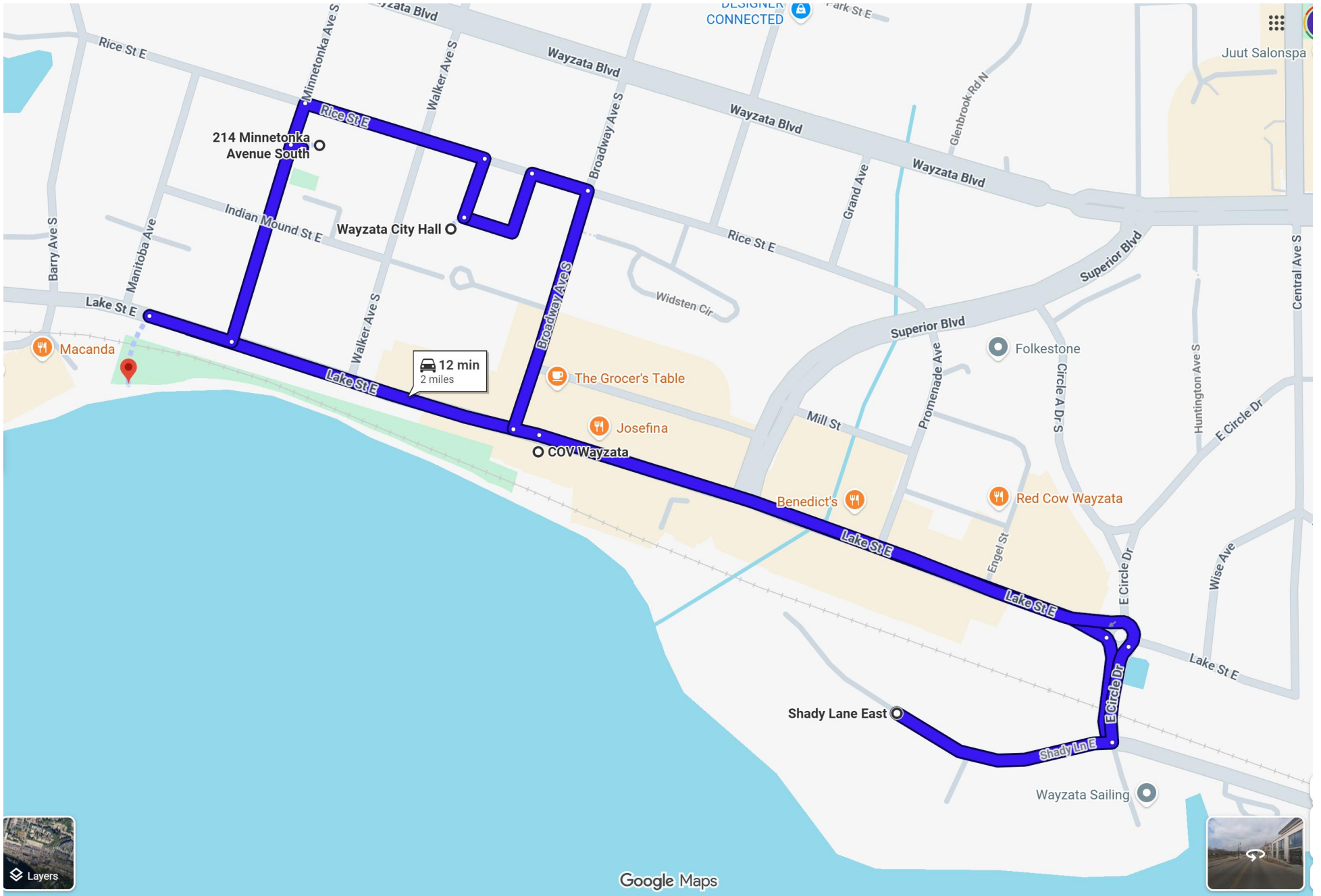
Police Chief or Designee: _____ **Date:** _____

Fire Chief or Designee: _____ **Date:** _____

Comments or Conditions:

* Pick-up and drop-off will be near the West Metro Chamber's entrance.





Google Maps



DO TWO TROLLEY TRIPS ON TWO DIFFERENT THURSDAYS

TROLLEY TRIP #1

1. **Leave city hall**
2. Unitarian Church (begin history leaving pkg lot)
3. Brastad House-talk after leaving church
4. Post Office- pause and give short history
5. Pettit & Kyson (5 Swans))
6. Wayzata State Bank) Stop, **step out** and give
7. Old Drug /Martinson Clinic) history of this corner, a short
8. Linscog House (Judd Frost)) story on each site. Reboard
9. Depot)
10. Boat Works)
11. Meyer Dairy—talk while driving
12. Harrington Gates
13. J P Snyder House – **step out** (Harrington Inn-Kent & Mandy Adams)
14. DeWalt Ankenny **step out**—do history
15. Back turn on Grove Lane—**step out and do history of next 5 sites**
16. Shaver Park History
17. Beach History
18. Ramaley House-121 Grove Lane
19. 139 Grove Lane
20. Doc Palmer’s House – 165 Grove Lane
21. **Reboard return to City Hall**

Trolley Trip #2

1. **Leave City Hall**
2. Odd Fellows Hall-start as we turn unto Broadway
3. Gold Mine-“ “ “
4. Section Foreman’s House as we drive by
5. Gee House – **Step out (Mary Ellen tells her story)**
6. Rosekrans House-in passing
7. Thomas Wise House-**Step out** & do history Meet Mrs. Gravier
8. Foxglove Farm-pause do history
9. Mushroom House (Brooks) Bushaway Rd, **step out** (architect do history-Betty H?., Jack Amdal?)
10. Drive thru Locust Hills by stable (Pause at stable) do short history of Locust Hills, out on McGinty Rd
11. Turn unto Wayzata Blvd.
12. Swing into BIG WOODS-**step out**, walk to stone (Merrily give brief history)
13. Stop at Heritage Park-Batson’s Corner **step Out** (Sue Sorentino tells history)
14. **Return to City Hall**

The CITY of WAYZATA
celebrates
NATIONAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION MONTH
MAY 2007

and presents a
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 1st 7 p.m. City Council Meeting

CENTENNIAL HOUSE AWARDS

Presented by Mayor Andrew Humphrey
City Hall Community Room/Council Chambers

Thursday, May 10th 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

HISTORIC WALK : DOWNTOWN WAYZATA

Hear where it happened in the early history of Wayzata
Led by Irene Stemmer, HPB
Meet at Wayzata City Hall Library's South Rose Garden

Tuesday, May 15th 7 p.m. City Council Meeting

MAYOR'S BEST PRESERVED HOUSE AWARD

Presented by Mayor Andrew Humphrey
City Hall Community Room/Council Chambers

Thursday, May 17th 4:45-6:30 or 6:45-8:30 p.m.

TROLLEY TOUR OF TEN HISTORIC SITES

Presented by HPB Members
(limited seating sign up at City Hall)
Tours start and stop at City Hall

Thursday, May 24th 6 p.m.

OLD HOUSE "WALK ABOUT"

A closer look at North Broadway and the western end around Park St.
Presented by U of M Professor and Preservation Architect

Robert Mack

Discuss Styles, Preservation, Remodels and Rebuilds
Meet in Community Room of City Hall
600 Rice Street

Thursday, May 31st 6:30 p.m.

A WALK THROUGH THE BIG WOODS

Led by Merry Borg Babcock
Planning Commissioner, Past President of WHS and BIG WOODS advocate
Meet at BIG WOODS off Wayzata Blvd. east of Colonial Square
Come dressed for the weather- RAIN or SHINE- Wear comfortable shoes.

**CITY OF WAYZATA CELEBRATES
MAY AS NATIONAL HERITAGE MONTH**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 2 7 P.M. City Council Meeting

“CENTENNIAL HOUSE AWARDS”

Presented by Mayor Andrew Humphrey

City Hall Community Room

630 Rice Street

THURSDAY, MAY 4th 7 P.M.

“HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN WAYZATA”

Presented by Karen Prieto, HPB

“RESTORING EXTERIOR CHARACTER – STEP BY STEP”

Joseph G. Metzler, AIA, CID – SALA Architects

City Hall Community Room

600 Rice Street

THURSDAY, MAY 11th 6:00 to 7:30 P.M.

“HISTORICAL WALK DOWNTOWN WAYZATA”

Meet at Wayzata City Hall/Library Garden

Hear the early history of Wayzata where it happened

Led by Irene Stemmer, HPB

TUESDAY MAY 16th 7 P.M. City Council Meeting

“MAYOR’S BEST HISTORIC RESTORATION AWARD”

Presented by Mayor Humphrey

600 Rice Street

THURSDAY MAY 18th 6:00 P.M.

**Join the Heritage Board for a trolley ride (Limited seating-sign up at city hall) visit 10 of Wayzata’s
Historic sites. Meet at City Hall and end at the Unitarian Church at 7:30 at Rice & Walker for**

“HISTORY OF WAYZATA’S OLDEST CHURCH”

Presented by Judy Starkey HPB

Trolley sponsored by Anchor Bank

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH 9 A.M. to 12 Noon

Meet and taalke with HPB members at their booth at

CITY OF WAYZATA’S OPEN HOUSE

Sponsored by Wayzata City Council

City Hall Commmunity Room, 600 Rice Street

THURSDAY MAY 25th 6:30 P.M.

“A WALK THROUGH THE BIG WOODS”

Led by Merrily Bord Babcock

**Planning Commissioner, Former Pressident of Wayzata Historical Society and BIG WOODS advocate
Meet at the BIG WOODS Site, Wayzata Blvd next to Colonial Square-Look for Retreat Sign for parking.**

Come dressed for the weather, rain or shine--wear comfortable shoes

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Sponsored by

HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD

*You and a Guest are invited to an Educational Event Presented by the City of Wayzata Heritage
Preservation Board*

"Celebrate the Heritage of Wayzata"

In Commemoration of Wayzata History Month

Guest Speakers Representing - The Retreat/Big Woods and other Preservation Success Stories

The Retreat in Wayzata/The Big Woods

1221 Wayzata Blvd E

When: Thursday May 29th 6:30-8:30 pm (punch & Hors d'oeuvres)

Program at 7:15 pm

Please RSVP: mullin.andrew@gmail.com or 952.567.7421 by May 23rd

Sponsored by: NORTHSTAR COUNSELORS, INC.

HISTORIC WALK IN THE BIG WOODS

(WAYZATA BLVD NEXT TO COLONIAL SQUARE)
ENTER AT "RETREAT" SIGN

**THURSDAY, MAY 25 AT
6:30 P.M.**

MERRILY BORG BABCOCK, GUIDE
(Planning Commissioner, Former Wayzata Historical
Society President)

**DRESS FOR THE WEATHER
RAIN OR SHINE**

**SPONSORED BY WAYZATA HERITAGE PRESERVATION
BOARD**

CITY OF WAYZATA CELEBRATES NATIONAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION MONTH MAY, 2007 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Historic Walk Downtown Wayzata

Thursday, May 10, 6 pm - 7:30 pm.
Hear the early history of Wayzata where it happened.
Led by Irene Stemmer, chair of the Heritage Preservation Board (HPB).
Meet at Wayzata City Hall/Library South Garden.

Trolley Tour of Ten of Wayzata's Historic Sites

Thursday, May 17,
4:45 pm & 6:45 pm.
Brief history given at each site by a HPB Member.
These are identical trips.
Seating is limited, so sign up at City Hall.
Tour starts and stops at City Hall Parking lot.

Mayor's Best Preserved House Award

Tuesday, May 15, 7 pm.
Presented by Mayor Humphrey at the City Council meeting.

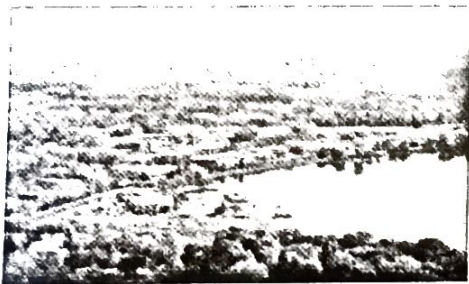
Old House Walkabout In Old Wayzata

Thursday, May 24, 6 pm
A closer look at North Broadway and the Western end of Park St. through the eyes of U of M Professor and Preservation Architect, Robert Mack. He will be discussing styles, preservation, remodels, and rebuilds.
Meet at Fire Station, 600 Rice Street.

A Walk Through The Big Woods

Thursday, May 31, 6:30 pm
Led by Merrily Borg Babcock, Planning Commissioner, Former President of Wayzata Historical Society and Big Woods advocate.
Meet at Big Woods, on Wayzata Blvd. next to Colonial Square.
Look for Retreat signs for parking.
Wear comfortable shoes and come dressed for the weather, rain or shine.

**All events are free,
open to the public
and sponsored by
Wayzata Heritage
Preservation Board.**



Post Cards "For Sale" at City Hall

The beautiful fall color pictures of Wayzata you notice when you come into the City Hall office have now been made into post cards.

You can purchase:
1 for \$0.35 5 for \$1.75 or
10 for \$3.50. What a nice way to send a note to your family and friends and give them a memento from Wayzata.



Town Meeting

There will be an open town forum to discuss the Wayzata Bay Redevelopment project. The project planners and architects will share the development process and objectives and solicit comments and feedback from the Wayzata community.

When: Wednesday, May 2, 2007 – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm
Where: Wayzata City Hall

Please join us if you can!

THE CITY OF WAYZATA

Celebrates

“NATIONAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION MONTH”

MAY, 2008

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, May 6th 7 P.M. City Council Meeting
“CENTENNIAL HOUSE AWARDS”
Presented by Mayor Humphrey
City Hall, 600 Rice Street

Thursday, May 15th, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.
“TROLLEY TOUR WEST WAYZATA HISTORIC SITES”
History Presented At Each Site
Limited Seating – sign up at City Hall
Tour starts and stops at City Hall

Thursday, May 22nd, 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.
“TROLLEY TOUR EAST WAYZATA HISTORIC SITES”
History Presented At Each Site
Limited Seating-sign up at City Hall
Tour starts and stops at City Hall

Tuesday, May 27th 7 P.M. City Council Meeting
“MAYOR’S BEST RESTORATION AWARD”
Presented by Mayor Humphrey
City Hall, 600 Rice Street

Events Organized by HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD
AND
Sponsored by ANCHOR BANK OF WAYZATA

All events are free and open to the public

**THURSDAY, MAY 4 – 7
P.M.**

**CITY OF WAYZATA
HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD**

PRESENTS

**JOSEPH G. METZLER, AIA CID
RENOVATION ARCHITECT
SALA ARCHITECTS, INC.**

**“ RESTORING EXTERIOR
CHARACTER TO A VINTAGE
HOUSE”**

**CITY HALL COMMUNITY ROOM
600 RICE STREET**



◀ Fire Fighter Mike Coen shakes hands with a birthday party attendee while Kevin Klapprich, Fire Chief, looks on at a recent birthday party celebration at the station. Call the Fire Department to schedule a birthday party for your child at 952-404-5337.

FIRE DEPARTMENT WISH LIST:

- NEWER UPDATED TECHNOLOGY FOR AIR PACKS
- NEWER UPDATED AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)
- NEW UPDATED THERMO IMAGER CAMERA

If you would like to help, please contact the fire department at 952-404-5337

Events Around Town

AARP Refresher Defensive Driving Course Sponsored by the Wayzata Crime Prevention Coalition. 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 13. Wayzata City Hall Council Chambers, 600 Rice Street. Cost: \$18. Class size is limited. To register call Patti Westerdahl at 952-476-7873.

The Greater Wayzata Area Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Wayzata Art Experience. Saturday and Sunday, May 17 & 18. Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The 5th annual Wayzata Art Experience will take place on Lake Street between Walker and Barry Avenues.



The Heritage Preservation Board. (HPB) invites all residents to join in celebrating National Heritage Preservation with several events throughout the month of May.

"Centennial House Awards" City Council Meeting. 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 6 at City Hall. "Centennial House Awards" will be presented to houses and commercial buildings in Wayzata that are 100 years

Photo courtesy of Joel Papa, Sr.



The Wayzata State Bank Building will be recognized with a Centennial Award from the Heritage Preservation Board in May. Construction began on this historic building in 1908. Now the Five Swans gift shop, it will be preserved as part of a proposed redevelopment project that recently received Concept Plan approval from the City Council.

old by Mayor Andrew Humphrey at the regular council meeting.

Mayor's "Best Restoration Award." 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 27 at City Hall. Mayor Humphrey will present "The Mayor's Best Restoration Award for 2008" to the building whose restoration has preserved its historical architecture.

Trolley Trips to Wayzata Historic Sites. 6 p.m. May 15 and May 22. Meet at City Hall at 6 p.m. both dates. On May 15, the tour will visit historic homes and parks in Wayzata's West End. The

second tour on May 22 will see historic sites in Wayzata's East End. Seating is limited, call Wayzata City Hall 952-404-5300 for reservations.

Wayzata Historical Society Happenings: The Wayzata Depot Museum. Open Noon-4 p.m. on Wednesdays, weekends and holidays. Highlights include new exhibits and the Historic Timeline. Free admission. For more information go to www.wayzatahistoricalsociety.org or call 952-473-3631.

The Wayzata Historical Society Archives. Located in the basement of the Wayzata Library. Open 10 a.m.-Noon every Saturday. The WHS is looking for information to add to its archives. In particular, they are looking for information from World War II veterans and historic material regarding Wayzata's boat building and racing past.



Wayzata Fire Department: Second Call Fire Department Meeting. 6:45 p.m. Monday, May 19. Wayzata Fire Station 952-404-5337. All first year members get a badge and a hat.

HERITAGE PRESERVATION BOARD—EAST TROLLEY TRIP—Thursday, May 22 at 6 P.M.

Route for Driver



Irene Stemmer
205 Barry Ave. S. Apt. 220
Wayzata, MN 55391

LOAD AT CITY HALL PARKING LOT AT 5:45 p.m. Trolley leaves at 6 p.m.

GO RIGHT ON RICE STREET, TURN RIGHT ON BROADWAY (1.5 min)

PULL OVER AND STOP BY ODD FELLOW HALL & GOLDMINE FOR HISTORY.

Hear history of two buildings— (4 min)

LEFT ON LAKE STREET (try to stop at Starbucks driveway & point out Sect. House)

STRAIGHT, CROSS TRACKS, TURN RIGHT ON SHADYLANE TO

GEE HOUSE (HPB will tell you where to turn up driveway to house

Arr 6:10

Disembark at house to hear history of Gee House (10 min)

Lv 6:20

GO BACK ON SHADYLANE, PULL OFF RD AND PAUSE FOR

6:23

Rosekrans House history. (3 min)

CROSS TRACKS BACK TO RIGHT ON LAKE STREET,

: GO ROUND CURVE (CENTRAL AVE S) STOP AT :

arr 6:25

313 Central Ave, Wise House. Disembark and hear history (10 Min)

Lv 6:35

TURN RIGHT ON LASALLE AVENUE PAUSE IN FRONT OF

6:37

Foxglove Farm-brief history (2 min)

CONTINUE LASALLE TO BUSHAWAY RD (101 S.) THROUGH INTERSECTION

CONTINUE ON BUSHAWAY RD TO

arr 6:45

Brooks House, pull into driveway up to house. Disembark allow riders to

Walk around house and hear history. (20 min)

lv 7:05

BACK TO BUSHAWAY RD TURN LEFT TO LOCUST HILLS BRIDGE. ENTER LOCUST HILLS AND FOLLOW RD (directed by HPB member) TO STABLE.

Arr 7:10

Disembark at stable. Hear history, walk through the stable. (15 min)

lv 7:25

GO OUT TO MCGINTY RD, TURN LEFT TO BUSHAWAY RD., LEFT ON WAYZATA BLVD. RIGHT INTO RETREAT CENTER PARKING LOT.

Arr 7:30

Tell history of BIG WOODS/RETREAT CENTER. Disembark? (5 MIN)

Lv 7:35

GO RIGHT TO EDINA REALTY PARKING LOT. RIDERS DISEMBARK AND WALK OVER TO HERITAGE PARK

arr 7:37

Hear the history of Batson's Corner from Sue Sorintino. (15 min)

lv 7:57

REBOARD AND RETURN TO CITY HALL PARKING LOT. Arrive back at 8 P.M.

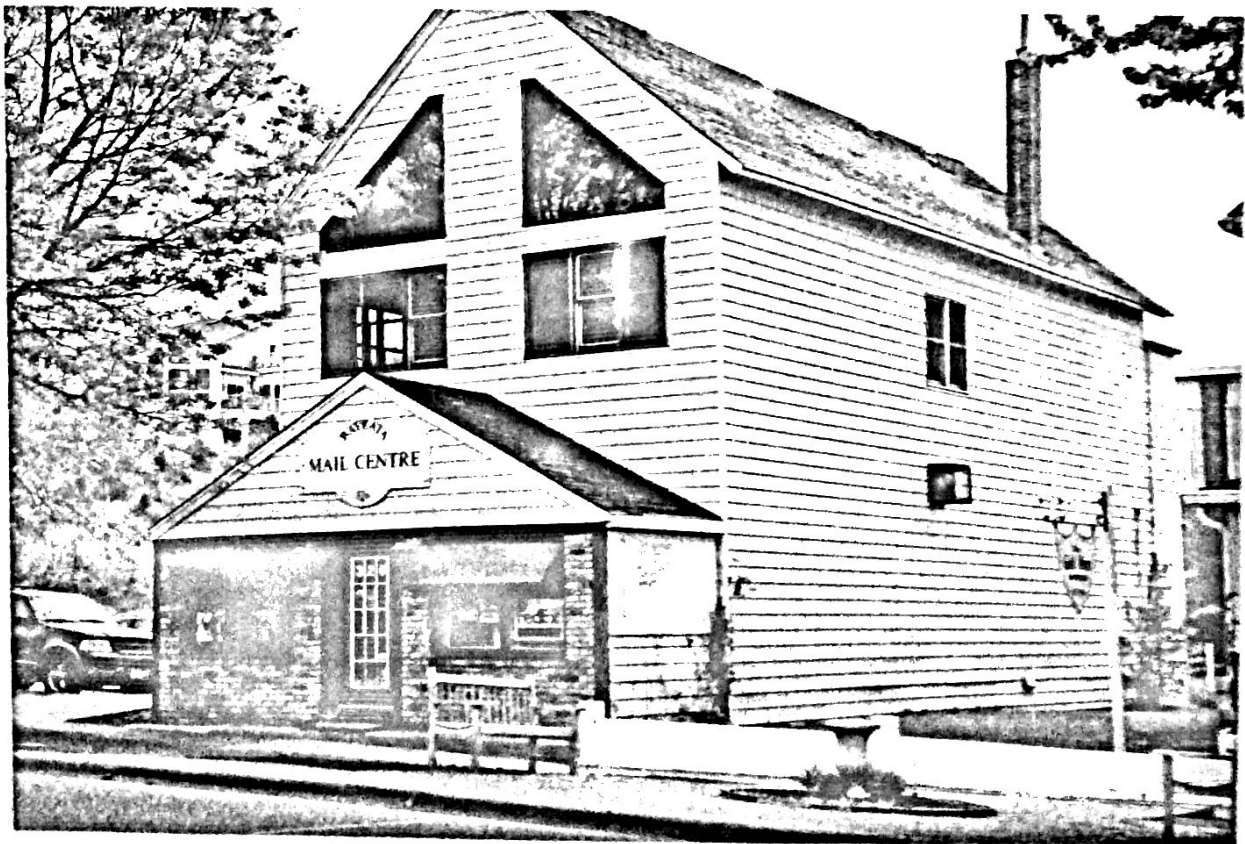
END OF TOUR –

1 1/2 M

ODD FELLOWS HALL – 326 BROADWAY AVENUE SOUTH

This tall, slim building was originally built as meeting hall for the Odd Fellows lodge was built in 1903. Over the years it has housed numerous businesses and activities. The oddest thing about the original building is that it had only an outside stairway to second floor until it was remodeled 25 years ago. The outside stairs ran from the street to a door to second floor along the northside of the building consequently the stairs were covered with ice and snow in the winter. Lodge members and their associated women's group, The Rebeccas, held their meetings and benefits on the second floor summer and winter. The Odd Fellows discontinued meetings there due to difficulty climbing the long flight of stairs. However, the sturdy auxiliary continued to meet there for several years, shoveling the snow off the stairs when needed.

In the early years, silent movies were shown on the first floor with Mrs. Amy Davies, organist for the Wayzata Congregational Church, playing the piano. Later occupants of the building have been a cabinet maker, a dressmaking duo, plumbing and heating, law offices (the primary remodelers) and presently the Mail Center.



THE GOLD MINE – 332 BROADWAY AVENUE SOUTH

This house now known as “GOLD MINE ANTIQUES” was originally built in 1880 as the private home of Edwin Braden, his wife and seven children. After their children were raised, it was sold to Mrs. Goertemuller who converted it to a rooming/boarding house. Later a new owner renovated it into small apartments on all three floors. Myron and Mildred Shaver began their married life there. Will Jones, columnist for the Star Journal who wrote a column “After last Night” lived there while his new house was being built.

Dr Gerald Arne opened his first Wayzata Chiropractic office on the first floor. In 1961, it was rented by the Gold Mine Antiques and in 1986 they purchased the building. The abstract states this property was part of Stephens First Edition.

The house along with the Odd Fellows Hall next door, has a history of a firm foundation having survived the big fire of 1926 which destroyed most of Lake Street east of Broadway and again in 1962 when the hardware store and Louise Shop burned.



HISTORY OF THE SECTION FOREMAN'S HOUSE

The Section House, built in 1905 by the Great Northern Railroad for its foremen, was sold to the City of Wayzata when it was no longer needed by the railroad.

These Section houses dotted the railroad right-of-way every 10 to 15 miles along the Great Northern route. In 1959, an article in the MINNETONKA HERALD, a lakeshore weekly newspaper, stated it was the only house still in use between Wayzata and Willmar and today it appears to be the last standing house along the railroad in Minnesota.

Like most railroad structures, every Section House was built from identical plans and materials, to make the process efficient. Materials could be purchased in one location, cut to fit and shipped to the location where the building was to be constructed. Everything was the same from the austere design, two story, four rooms, two up and two down and painted Great Northern grey inside and out. The windows were placed the same place in each house and were the same size. The foreman's wife was said to say "it was easy to move up and down along the line (called bumping) because even the curtains fit without adjustment"

The Section houses were built because it would have been difficult for them to rent housing when the foremen were moved so frequently. As the settlements grew, the section houses disappeared and section foremen were able to find housing in the towns along the way.



*As
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Interview Mary*

MARY ELLEN GEE'S HOUSE - 1928
"Preservation Easement 2006"

This 77 year old house at 936 Shady Lane built by George E. Gee for his family. Three generations of Gees have been the only owner/occupants of this house..

The design was developed from a purchased plan by George C. Gee, Mary Ellen's father, who was an engineer who also helped build the house for his parents. He brought his bride to live in the house and daughter, Mary Ellen grew up there. Mary Ellen returned to make it her home in 1982.

The house occupies the same site as Alfred Robinson (Robinson Bay) built his log cabin when he came to the Wayzata site with Oscar Garrison, town founder, in 1853. Later the 104 room Arlington Hotel (1880) was built there. It was closed in 1882 at the behest of James J. Hill who had controlling interest in the property and wanted to eliminate competition with his new Hotel Lafayette. The Arlington burned to the ground in 1890./

The Gee house, which was the first year-round winterized home in Arlington Heights, is a product of the Eclectic period in architectural history and shows the influence of the Spanish Colonial and Prairie styles in suburban home construction. From the lake side, the red tile on the modified low hip roof stands out among the trees as a house of grandeur and historic significance.

Evaluated in the historic context of Wayzata's Gilded Age (1867-1929), it is a notable, well preserved example of suburban style lakeshore cottage.

In March, 2006, Mary Ellen was the first to request a "Preservation Easement" on her home which will maintain and preserve it for years to come. The easement is a contract with the City of Wayzata marking it as a designated historic site to be preserved through the ages, not to be torn down, unless damage from fire or storm has deemed the house unrestorable by the city council and building inspector.



THE ROSEKRANS HOUSE – 456 ARLINGTON CIRCLE – 1890

*Alice
Story
3 Min*

This house was built in 1890 on the south shore of Wayzata Bay and moved across on the ice to its present site about 1914 by a plumbing contractor name Hague. Wells Eastman, Sr recalls watching the house being towed by a team of horses. The front and back porches were added after the house had been brought to its current position.

Frank and Alice Rosekrans purchased the house in 1943. They had two sons, Fritz and David. In 1948, Frank Rosekrans purchased items for the house from the Decker house designed by Elmslie, when the big house on the Decker farm was about to be demolished.

The house was purchased from the Rosekrans estate in 2007 by the Wayzata Sailing Foundation to be used by the sailing school.



THOMAS H. WISE HOUSE – 313 CENTRAL AVENUE SOUTH-

This house is rich in Wayzata history. It was built by Thomas H. Wise and his son Harry who purchased all of Block 55 from the Harrington Estate in 1904 for \$11,000. Mr. Wise lived in the house until his death May 4, 1919. His funeral was held in the house. A brief history taken from his obituary in the Minneapolis Journal says that Mr. Wise came to St. Paul in 1866, after serving as a corporal in the Civil War. He came to Wayzata in 1876, to work as a wood agent for James J. Hill . He continued that job until 1900 when he decided to concentrate on the boat building business as The Wise Boat Works, located at the approximate site of the Wayzata Sailing Club. Wise boat works was noted for building the canoes, hunting boats, fishing boats and the fastest speed boats in the area. The Wise Boat Works was eventually combined with other Wayzata Boat Building Companies to become The Minnetonka Boat Works. (1929.)

Tom Wise was an active townsman in Wayzata. In 1888. he has the town Lamplighter, lighting the village street lamps and in 1902, Tom Wise was appointed Wayzata's Fire Chief.

Several homes were considered "Wise Houses" in the Wise Re-arrangement.

The Wise family remained in the house until 1935 when it was sold to A. E. Hartman. In 1944, the house was purchased by Frank and Rhoda Blackmarr, parents of Wayne Blackmarr, Shirley Blackmarr Cruikshank, and Barbara Blackmarr Howard. In 1958, the house was purchased by Richard and Irene Deziel, a carpenter who replaced the windows. The house was then owned by the Essigs and Nancy Gibson and in 1976, it was purchased by Richard and Linda Simmons. They expanded the rear of the house. The house is presently owned by the Graviers who have lived here since 1983.



Fox Glove Farm – LaSalle Avenue – 1914

Foxglove Farm was founded by pharmacist Frederick A. Upsher-Smith and operated between 1920-1930. The Foxglove-digitalis plant was grown and harvested here and led to the discovery of digitalis as a heart stimulant drug from the dried leaves. Thus the name of house/farm became FOX GLOVE FARM. The “drying shed” used for the processing is still standing just west of the main house.

Digitalis is the latin word for foxglove. New research is being done on the possibility of its being used to destroy cancerous tumors.

Upsher- Smith was research chemist at the University of Minnesota. His pharmaceutical company still bears his name of and continues in business. The company is located on Interstate 494. The company is now owned and operated by a granddaughter of Upsher- Smith and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford Gregory and their 3 daughters lived in the house for several years. Mrs. Freda Gregory was the daughter of Upsher-Smith. The house has recently been restored by its new owners who I believe, have planted grape vines. With thoughts of wine making. However, it will probably always be FOXGLOVE FARM.



Brooks House – 601 Bushaway Road (aka the Mushroom House)

Story 20 May
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This large two and one-half story house was originally built as a one story summer home. The second story was added in 1937.

It is a Tudor Revival Style Lake shore residence. It has a cross-gabled roof, massive stone chimney and front and rear porches. The walls are stucco finished with decorative half-timbering and the roof is covered with false-thatch asphalt shingles. The roof looks like it has been plucked right out of the Cotswold Hills in England and has a charm that has remained solidly intact since it was first built in the early 1900s. It was because of this roof style it became known as the "Mushroom House."

An upper story wing with a clipped gable roof overhangs the colonnaded front entry. The house faces west and overlooks Wayzata Bay. The ivy covered stucco walls feature a decorative half-timbering and long narrow windows. Inside the massive front door, a grand staircase leads up to a classic library and the rest of the second floor., including the master suite, a guest suite, a sitting room and three additional bedrooms. In the attic, the Brooks hung a swing for their kids and made a "haunted house" for then to play in.

Built in 1919, the house was the lake estate of Dwight F. Brooks. Mr. Brooks was schooled to be a medical doctor and practiced around the Winona area where his father, Sheldon Brooks settled his family when he first came to Minnesota from New York state in 1856. In 1896, Dwight, and his brothers Lester and Anson and M. J. Scanlon y opened a sawmill in Nickerson, Minnesota. By 1901, these men had formed THE BROOKS-SCANLON LUMBER COMPANY and started constructing other sawmills in Minnesota and soon spread to Oregon, Florida, Louisiana, Montana and British Columbia as timberlands began to diminish in Minnesota. While the other partners moved out into the territory, Dwight remained in Minneapolis in the administrative offices.

The family had their first Lake Minnetonka summer home on Big Island for many years. Before building this house. We have been unable to find who the architect or builder was. It would be very interesting to know who designed this very English looking cottage on Lake Minnetonka. Dwight Brooks died in 1930. Dwight had three sons all of whom were involved in the lumber business. This house has been owned by several generations of the Brooks family. The only other owner was John Stielow. John fell in love with the house and bought it in 1973 to live in, even though he was a bachelor at the time.

The site presently consists of 2 ½ acres but at one time the property extended all the way to the Grey's Bay bridge and across Bushaway Road to Grey's Bay. So the house of the Same design across the road was once on the estate as well as several other buildings for guests and employees. Bushaway Road cut through the middle of the estate. Also on the estate was the Carriage House down by the road or garage with living quarters for the chauffeur. All of the same building design.

In 2006, the ASID chose this house as their Showcase House. They not only decorated the entire house, but made physical changes also especially to the kitchen. The home boasts 11,000 finished square feet including 7 bedrooms, eight bathrooms, a library, large kitchen and more. The guest house is 2500 square feet.

Many people from around the lake that visisted the Brooks children at the Lake House and love to recall the butler bringing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches on trays and serving the children.



Locust Hills Country Estate - The Stable - 1940

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go inside
Leave 7:25*

Locust Hills was the last country estate in Wayzata. The estate was sold for redevelopment in 2005. The only building that remains on the 500 some acres is the Stable. It has been divided into about forty some building sites. There is an inland nature walk within the development and a public walk around ~~the~~ much of the perimeter.

This property was originally the H M Carpenter Farm. The land stretched from McGinty Road to the Grey's Bay Bridge.(1875) It was owned by several different people after that and at one time it was a "Gentlemen Club", then a "Country Club" and was even considered for Woodhill Country Club but turned down because there were too many marshes leaving no room for a golf course.

Charles B. Sweatt, son of Harold Sweatt of HONEYWELL, purchased the farm in 1938. The stable was built in 1940 to house the thoroughbred Jumpers. Numerous horse shows, and country fairs were held on the farm by the Sweatts. The Sweatts made this their Wayzata home until the death of both Mr. and Mrs. Sweatt. The estate was originally in Minnetonka but Mr. Sweatt had the majority of the estate annexed to Wayzata in _____ because it took too long for Minnetonka to plow out the roads in the winter.

The Norman Style brick horse barn, constructed in 1940-41 was designed to be reminiscent of an old English Tudor building . It incorporated living quarters where all the riding staff lived. The stable has now been remodeled to be the private clubhouse for "The Locust Hills" Development Association. Many of the original stanchions and box stalls for the horses have been retained and remodeled with tables and chairs for small groups to gather. The heavy solid wood bar from the "Big House" was reinstalled in the barn as the bar for the club house and the lounge room now has a large inviting fireplace. Since the outside swimming pool is between the stable and the work barn, there are locker rooms in the stable.



3 min

Arnao House/BIG WOODS/Retreat Center – 1201 Wayzata Blvd- 1934

This suburban estate consisted of a large residence and its associated landscaped grounds and the BIG WOODS.

It is a Tudor Revival Style suburban villa with an irregular plan, intersecting gable roofs. The property occupies 21.5 acres, including a wood of hardwood trees dominated by basswood, sugar maple and red oak.

“Greenridges” estate was built in 1934 for Charles and Ruth Arnao, who sold the property to the Cenacle order of Catholic Nuns in 1956. The sisters added the chapel and sleeping rooms to the original house and used the property as a religious retreat center until 1998. The property is historically significant as a rural historic landscape on the bases of its association with a rare preserved urban remnant of the BIG WOODS. Early explorers, government land surveyors and Euro-American pioneers described in detail the Big Woods landscape that characterized Wayzata at the time of initial white settlement. Though the native elms have almost totally disappeared due to disease, the maple-basswood forest on the property retains visual, natural and cultural characteristics indicative of the historic relationship between the Big Woods and the Wayzata community.

The house itself may also be historically significant as a rare surviving example of an early twentieth century rural estate.

The 21.5 acres that contain the BIG WOODS and Arnao House is preserved by two Conservation Easements held by the **Minnesota Land Trust**. The preservation was the dream of the “Friends of the Big Woods” to raise \$6,500,000 to purchase the property at fair market value. The **Trust for Public Land** coordinated the purchase and placed the Conservation Easements on the property prior to selling the Big Woods to the City for \$3,000,000 from a bond referendum and selling the Arnao house and surrounding land/buildings to the **RETREAT CENTER** for \$2,000,000. The remaining \$1,500,000 was raised from private donations.



HERITAGE PARK AT BATSON'S CORNER

*Park at Edison really
allow 20 min. for
a re-boarding*

Come to the corner of Central Avenue/ 101 North and remember at time when "Superior Boulevard", Highway 10 (now Wayzata Boulevard) was a dirt road from Minneapolis to Wayzata and on west to Mound. The year was 1911 and Wayzata's population was about 500. The corner described above and four acres down Central Avenue to Old Holdridge was to become the hobby farm named "Sunnybrae", plus a filling station, where Sam and Jeraldine Batson raised their four children and were instrumental in Wayzata's growth from a village to a city.

Batson, and accountant in Minneapolis, saw Wayzata's potential to become an ideal full-time residence instead of its then popular "summer cottages." In 1911 he moved the existing small house to the southern part of the property, added a basement with a heating system, a generator for electricity and had one of the first telephones in Wayzata installed. Now the family of four could survive the winters!

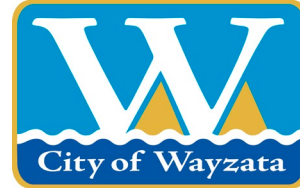
By 1916 a hobby farm emerged with a larger house on Superior Boulevard, with a small barn for two cows, goats and chickens for the family's milk and eggs. There was a grass tennis court, and a large apple orchard supplying apples for pies and cider. They were a family of six now and Wayzata's population was approaching 600.

In 1925 Batson built one of the few filling stations in the area right on the corner of his property. His three sons ran Batson Bros. Gas through the depression in the 1930s. Sam had started selling Minnetonka real estate properties at a Mpls. office as well as from the business in his Wayzata home. "Just call Wayzata 1-2-3". Wayzata had nearly doubled in population from 1920 to 1930 reaching 1100 residents. "One day in September of 1930," the Wayzata Herald reported, "Highway 10 (to become 12) carried 8,140 cars past Batson's Corner; the most traffic counted in the state that day!"

Sam Batson had also platted the opposite corner where Anchor Bank is now and called it "Bonnybrae."



City of Wayzata 2026 Meeting Calendar



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- Energy & Environment 5:30 PM
- Planning Commission - 6:30 PM
- City Council - 7:00 PM
- Local Board of Appeal & Equalization - TBD April 2026
- Charter Commission - 9:00 AM
- Lake Minnetonka Conservation District (LMCD)
- Heritage Preservation Board (HPB) - 2:00 PM
- Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) - 7:30 AM
- Parks & Trails Board - 6:00 PM
- Public Art Committee - 5:00 PM
- Night to Unite
- Holiday Observed
City Offices Closed
- Election
Precinct Caucuses—2/3/26 (No Public Meetings)

Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Dates can be confirmed by calling City Hall.

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