

Historical Shore *VIEWS*

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From the President

Follow the Plan !

So many possibilities lie ahead for the Shoreview Historical Society: tours, programs, a museum, and events are all in our future at our Larson home. It has been fun working with Bridget Jensen, our intern, as she researches



the history of the home and of Shoreview. Bridget's research is compiled in a report, to be presented to the City Council in October. Not only did she do

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'There's No Free Lunch'— But There's A Free Breakfast at Perkins Jan. 16 for Members

It worked so well last year, that the SHS is doing it again—a free breakfast for SHS members at Perkins Restaurant, I-694 and Lexington Ave.

The breakfast will be at 9 a.m. Jan. 16. You need to sign up by contacting Bob Minton, SHS board member, no later than Jan. 14 by email : bmint99@gmail.com to let him know how many plan to attend.

"It's a way of thanking our members who support our work," says Bob, "and maybe attract a few new members as well." The food is good, and the company is too.

SHS members are reminded they may eat at that same Perkins Restaurant with 10 percent deducted from their bill, one of several benefits of being a member. (Be sure and have your membership card with you.)

Nominations Welcomed for SHS's 2019 Heritage Family

Each year the SHS honors a Shoreview Heritage Family. It's a family which has spent at least two generations in the community and has contributed to the community's vitality and quality of life through social, civic organizations, etc.

The SHS reviews the nominees and makes its selection. The family honored in 2019 will be SHS's 15th Heritage Family.

The family members usually tells their story at an April SHS membership meeting and later rides in the Slice of Shoreview parade in July. You may get a nomination form by contacting Michelle Reichow, a SHS director, at Michelle@nwfc.net



SHS Board Members listened to intern Bridget Jensen (left) explain some of the processes in launching a local historical society plant, including a Museum. Jensen, a college graduate in history, worked on the project for several months, finishing in September. Board members in the photo are Jacci Krebsbach, president, and Lu Slaten and Bob Minton, across the table; and local photographer and guest Jim Radford, middle, at the end of the table.

SHS, City Move Ahead in Use of Historic Larson Farm Home

A recommended strategic interpretative Plan for initial action and future development and use of a new SHS facility---the historic Larson farm home---was forwarded to Shoreview City Hall in September and will be reviewed by the Council in October.

Bridget Jensen, an intern hired for a few months to develop the plan, completed her work on schedule.

In the plan, she recommends a 12-month target to open a portion of the home as a first floor museum which would reflect the era when the house was part of a then-rural Mounds View landscape. The plan addresses acquiring the artifacts needed for the museum.

Divided into time phases, the plan calls for periods to obtain artifacts; install them as exhibits; and obtain and utilize volunteers to plan work on background information tasks such as programming, eventually leading up to tours in the building for various groups, including school children.

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Larson Home---continued

In the preliminary stages, Jensen has included the history of the home, as well as the history of Shoreview. Included in the plan are recommendations to acquire resources and also a breakout of responsibilities between the City and the SHS.



In addition to the farm house plot, there are 2.4 acres around the building and is looked at by some as sort of a heritage park, also featuring a small building

that was once Guerin's gasoline station nearly a century ago.

Much of the work done by Jensen was supported through a \$5,000 grant from the Shoreview Community Foundation made earlier in the year (see photo, right).

The SHS officially became the house's inhabitants through a "letter of understanding" in June. The City retains ownership of the grounds and house and is responsible for their maintenance. The letter also outlines interior uses of furniture and location of SHS files, a meeting room and storage space. The ground floor may take on the appearance of an early 20th century midwest farm home, to include exhibits. Not all details have been worked out yet.

Although in existence for more than 25 years, the SHS has not had, prior to now, a site for its headquarters, instead spreading out its materials and administration in different places, including board members' homes. The Larson House address is 1170 Lepak Court, near the intersection of Lexington Ave. and County Rd J.



Many Thanks to the Shoreview Community Foundation for its joint grant of \$5,000 presented to the City of Shoreview and to SHS to assist in the launching of SHS's new home, the Larson house in north Shoreview. This oversize check depicts the generous gift was presented at the annual community picnic and is held by (l to r) SHS President Jacci Krebsbach, Renee Eisenbaisz, City of Shoreview; and Nancy Hite, Shoreview Community Foundation.

Lexington Floral Gifts SHS

Many thanks to Lexington Floral, Shoreview, for its "Sunshine donation" to the SHS, resulting from sales of its "Give Back Bouquet" this past July.

Each month, Lexington Floral partners with a non-profit in creating its "Give Back Bouquet" and gifting 10 percent of its sales. Each bouquet "reflects the beauty of the organization it gives back to," says the floral shop. A check for \$126 was forwarded to the SHS following the July sales.

SHS members are reminded they will receive a 10 percent discount with purchases at Lexington Floral, one of the bonuses for being a SHS member.

A Nice Thing to Do on an Autumn Day

Time to Hit the Shoreview Heritage Trail

On these nice fall days, why not treat yourself to a colorful ride around Shoreview on its Heritage Trail which takes you from one end of the city to the other. Accompanied by a Heritage trail map assembled by the SHS, you can observe some of the important sites in Shoreview from both long ago and today. It's a chance to reacquaint yourself with a bit of Shoreview History.



Along the way you will see many of the city's lakes and if you were to bike you can take advantage of the city's many bikeways that keep in touch with nature. Contact any SHS director for a map.

More Roundabouts Coming to Shoreview



A big change in the city's future vehicle traffic are these three Roundabouts, depicted above, at the intersection of Rice St. and I-694 that are expected to improve traffic movement. The project is on one of the community's busiest thoroughfares, and is estimated to cost nearly \$30 million. It is reported to get underway next February. In the planning for many years, the County received the final funding approvals earlier this summer. Rice St. is one of the city's busiest north-south streets. Shoreview has one other Roundabout at County Rd. I and Rice St. Parkway, in the northern part of the city.

Studies have shown that Roundabouts reduce the number of serious accidents and deaths. You will notice the Vadnais Inn, (once located right at the intersection and on the east side of Rice St. and actually in Vadnais Heights) is not in the drawing as it was recently purchased by the county and razed.

The Ramsey County road system has come a long ways from the once dusty gravel county highway 49, of decades ago. Traffic has greatly increased over the years as communities to the north in Anoka County and elsewhere are developed.

(Roundabouts are different from Traffic Circles in that Roundabouts are much smaller. No lane changes occur within a roundabout. Except for vehicles that are turning right, entering a Roundabout is a "crossing" movement.)

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+ *Outer Rice St. Was a 'Playground' for Some in the Old Days*

SHS member and long-time Shoreview resident Mike Cunningham, remembers growing up in the area in the 1950s; the roads like Rice St. weren't so busy.

"One of my fondest memories is when my grandfather Hugh Cunningham would harness his Norwegian Elkhound to his homemade dogsled and set out on his daily run to visit his favorite people and places," says Mike. "Rice St. in those days was the main line to St Paul, but it was not very busy down on our north end. We could safely travel down the shoulder with our dogsled.



"We also built bonfires along Rice St., next to Lake Vadnais Lake, in the winter when we cleared the ice for hockey rinks with shovels--- and cooked potatoes wrapped in tin foil and hot dogs our mothers prepared and hot chocolate in our thermos," he recalls. *The drawing above is courtesy of Ramsey County.*

Working the plan---continued

research, she advised the SHS about steps we should take as we go forward. We are grateful for the grant we received from the Shoreview Community Foundation who made all this possible.

First of all, the Shoreview Historical Society must create an Interpretive Plan. This plan will outline our next steps as an organization. We must reassess our collections, website and membership. We will need to establish collections policies and perform a collection inventory. This will help us to determine what to keep and what to deaccession (get rid of).

The Interpretive Plan will help us decide how best to save and record what we do keep. We will work closely with the Minnesota Historical Society, as well as seeking advice from other local societies.

We also will have educational opportunities available for high school and college students. Staying connected with younger members in our community is vital for the growth and stability of our organization.

Another volunteer opportunity is to help the SHS sort through newspaper articles---clip, sort and file--at the Larson house.

Contact me via email: jaccikrebsbach@comcast.net – I will happily put you to work !!

---Jacci Krebsbach

SHS to Attend Local Society Meet

Several members of the SHS board of directors are expected to attend a meeting of representatives of all local historical societies in Ramsey County set for Oct. 22 at the White Bear Boat Works and hosted by the White Bear Historical Society

The meeting is expected to discuss the groups' best practices and reports on current projects. SHS hosted a meeting in the past, and supports efforts to share information.

Upcoming Ramsey County Historical Society Events

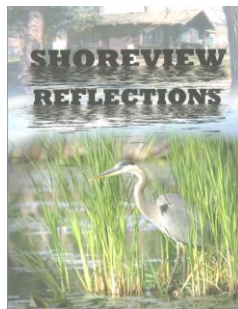
The Ramsey County Historical society is offering several interesting programs in the next two months. Here's the calendar:

+ Japanese American Resettlement to St. Paul during World War II: Krista Finstad Hanson
The International Institute, The War Relocation Authority, and Ruth & Earl Tanabara
-7 p.m. Oct 25 Roseville Library

+ Minnesota's Columbus Memorial: Immigration, Colonialism, and Memory on the State Capitol Grounds-- Peter DeCarlo
7:30- 9 p.m. Nov. 8. *RCHS Day at Waldmann Brewery & Wurstery*, 445 Smith Ave N. St. Paul

+ Shoreview Reflections

The book with many, many historical stories about our town



---*Shoreview Reflections*--- is for sale at Shoreview City Hall, Lexington Floral, and the Chickadee Boutique for \$10, a

special price. It's not too early be thinking: "Christmas gifts."

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The Shoreview Historical Society was born in 1991 when a group of residents took an interest in preserving and recording both the important and informal events in the city, and those that told of our city's growth and the deeds of our people. Since its inception, the society has worked to fulfill that mission. If you are interested in participating, please give any director a call.

