

Keeping Lake Minnetonka History Alive

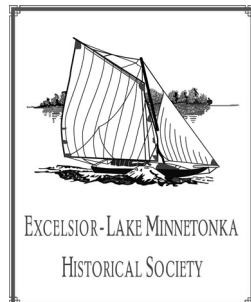
DEEPHAVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Deephaven Historical Society was founded in 2000 while celebrating Deephaven's 100th Birthday. We are interested in historic preservation of Deephaven's unique past for future generations. We are dedicated to protecting its past by promoting our history through our website, newsletters, presentations, field trips, archives and historic displays.

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EXCELSIOR-LAKE MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded in 1972, the Excelsior-Lake Minnetonka Historical Society works to preserve the history of the Lake Minnetonka area, particularly Excelsior, Deephaven, Greenwood, Shorewood, and Tonka Bay. Our archives and museum are free and open to the public, and contain a large collection of historical artifacts, photographs and documents. The Society also regularly presents programs on topics of local historical interest, offers programs for youth and publishes and sells books about Lake Minnetonka history.



Archives Open Wednesdays and second Saturdays of the month, 10 am–1 pm, 261 School Avenue, Excelsior

Museum Open May–September, 305 Water Street, Excelsior (Visit our website for schedule.)

History Cruises Second Mondays May–August, on the historic steamboat *Minnehaha*

Tapping History Presentations

Second Mondays September–May, 7 pm
Excelsior Brewing Company, 421 Third Street, Excelsior

Summer History Camps and Youth Programs See our website for more information.

Upcoming ELMHS Events

Tapping History Presentations

January 13 – Lake Minnetonka History Trivia Night, \$25 per team of four or less

February 10 – TBA

March 9 – “Historic Postcards of Lake Minnetonka” with Chuck Donley

April 13 – “History of the Person Family on Big Island” with Aaron Person

May 11 – Excelsior Amusement Park panel with Greg Van Gompel

2020 History Cruises

June 8 – Big Island

July 13 – “Shipwrecks and Disasters of Lake Minnetonka” with Scott McGinnis

August 10 – Classic Boat Parade

Learn more: www.elmhs.org, info@elmhs.org, 952.221-4766, follow us on Facebook @elmhs

EXCELSIOR STREETCAR LINE

Relive the days when the streetcar carried Twin Citians to spend the day at the lake. Enjoy a trolley trip along a half-mile of track built on the former right-of-way of the Minneapolis and St. Louis Railway. The car makes a stop at our car barn so passengers can view a photo gallery of hotels, trains, paddlewheel boats and landmarks from the 1800s and see work in progress on a streetcar restoration.

Trolley Rides Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays May–September, Water Street, between Third and George Streets (Visit www.trolleyride.org for schedule.)

MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Minnetonka Historical Society is dedicated to preserving Minnetonka's past and is located at the Burwell House in the heart of historic Minnetonka Mills. The Society offers presentations and other events about the history of the Minnetonka area throughout the year.

Burwell Historical Museum Open Saturdays June–August (visit our website for schedule), Mill Office on the Burwell House grounds, 13209 McGinty Road East, Minnetonka.

Learn more: www.minnetonka-history.org, mtkahistory@yahoo.com, 952-930-3962, follow us on Facebook @minnetonkahistoricalsociety

MUSEUM OF LAKE MINNETONKA

Debuting in 1906 as an extension of the Twin Cities' streetcar system, the steamboat *Minnehaha* provided fast and reliable transportation for Lake Minnetonka residents and tourists for twenty years. After the popularity of automobiles and improved roads in the area ended their viability in the 1920s, *Minnehaha* and some of her sisters were scuttled in 1926 and lay forgotten at the bottom of Lake Minnetonka for more than five decades. In 1980 the wreck of *Minnehaha* was discovered and raised to the surface. Following a \$500,000, volunteer-driven restoration, *Minnehaha* returned to passenger service in 1996 and has operated on Lake Minnetonka ever since.

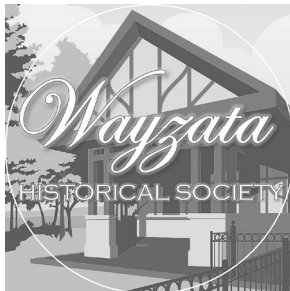
Minnehaha is currently owned, maintained and operated by the Museum of Lake Minnetonka, a nonprofit organization based in Excelsior, Minnesota. You can now sail aboard her on weekends and holidays throughout the summer and autumn seasons.

Learn more: www.steamboatminnehaha.org, mail@steamboatminnehaha.org, (952) 474-2115, follow us on Facebook @SteamboatMinnehaha



WAYZATA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded in 1982, the Wayzata Historical Society promotes the history of the greater Wayzata area by operating the Wayzata Depot museum, 402 East Lake Street, Wayzata, April through December, publishing a quarterly newsletter called *The Telegraph*, and by hosting special events and programs throughout the year. The society also preserves Wayzata history by collecting, storing, and safekeeping items pertaining to local sites and events. The society's archives are located in the lower level of the Wayzata Branch of the Hennepin County Library at 620 Rice Street, Wayzata and are open to the public Saturday mornings from 10 am to 12 pm.



Upcoming Presentations

Wayzata Community Room, Wayzata City Hall, 600 Rice Street, Wayzata

April 9, Thursday, 7 pm – “Wayzata and the Modern Movement (1892–1970)” presented by Aaron Person

July 9, Thursday, 7 pm – “Yellow Jackets: A History of Lake Minnetonka’s Streetcar Boats” presented by Aaron Person

October 3, Saturday, 5 pm – “Summit Park Cemetery Stroll” presented by volunteers of the Wayzata Historical Society at Summit Park Cemetery, Wayzata

November 12, Thursday, 7 pm – “Memories of Holidays Past” presented by Joanie Holst

Learn more: www.wayzatahistoricalsociety.org, info@wayzatahistoricalsociety.com, 952 473-3631, follow us on Facebook @WayzataHistoricalSociety

WESTONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Westonka Historical Society seeks to preserve and educate the public about the history of the Westonka area and to protect important cultural and natural artifacts in the Society’s collection and in the community landscape.



Museum and Archives

Open Saturdays 10 am–2 pm, Centennial Building, 5341 Maywood Road, Mound. Private tours available.

Presentations

Second Saturdays September–May (except December)

Lake Minnetonka Shores Community Room, 4515 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park:

January 11, 11 am – “Peter Gideon, The Apple Wizard” with research historian Sharon Dana

February 8, 11 am – “Charles Lindbergh: Triumph, Tragedy and Controversy” with historian David Jones

March 14, 11 am – “The Birkholz Home in Minnetonka Beach” with historian Kathy Kullberg

Back Channel Brewery, 4787 Shoreline Drive, Spring Park:

January 14, 7 pm – “The History of Ice Boating on Lake Minnetonka” with historian Bob Gasch

Newsletters are published quarterly featuring the history of Westonka communities – Minnetonka Beach, Minnetrista, Mound, Navarre, Orono and Spring Park.

Learn more: www.westonkahistoricalsociety.org, info@westonkahistoricalsociety.org, 952-472-9800, follow us on Facebook @westonkahistoricalsociety