



The Little White Paper

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THE END OF THE CIVIL WAR IN 1865 FEATURED PROGRAM FOR MAY



Dean Urdahl

Dean Urdahls will present his program covering Abraham Lincoln, events of the end of the Civil War and the surrender at Appomattox on Thursday, May 14th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Golden Valley Historical Society's historic church, 6731 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427. The program is open to the public, free of charge. Refreshments will be served following the program.

IN REVIEW:

At the April 9th Society's general membership meeting, Ole and Lena played a guitar and sang several Scandinavian songs, interspersed with funny stories and jokes. Jeanie and David Johnston have been performing as Ole and Lena together for over 30 years. They enjoyed the responses of the 31 members and guests attending the event and the audience certainly enjoyed their performance. Ya shur yu betcha!

“PARK'S ANTIQUE PARADE” – APPRAISAL SHOW FUND RAISER FOR ST. LOUIS PARK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Participants are invited to bring up to 3 items ranging from family heirlooms to items picked up in a garage sale and find out how much they might be worth. When: Saturday, May 16th, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: St. Louis Park High School Cafeteria, - enter through the District Office Door. 6425 West 33rd Street, St. Louis Park, Mn 55426. Please do not bring dolls, wrist watches, jewelry, weapons, or sports memorabilia. Items should be small enough to easily carry safely from the parking lot to the cafeteria.

Bonnie Lindberg and James Marrinan from Appraisal Specialists Midwest will give on-the-spot appraisals. Cost/donation: \$10.00 per item; donations are tax deductible. The event is open to everyone, Park resident or not. To register online – www.slphistory.org – or by mail by sending your name, address, phone number, email address, brief description of your item(s), and a check made payable to the St. Louis Park Historical Society to 3700 Monterey Drive, SLP 55416. For further information – 952-583-989.

ACCESSIONS TO THE SOCIETY:

Nancy Azzam donated a new book, “Historic Markers Monuments and Memorials Placed by the Minnesota Daughters of the American Revolution”, by Faye Leach, published by Birchdale Prints, 2015.

HISTORY OF BROOKVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER AND BROOKVIEW PARK:

“Golden Valley 1886-1986 Minnesota” gives some background about the Brookview Community Center. It states, “In 1967 a bond issue totaling \$1,600,000 for the acquisition and development of the Brookview Center and Golf Course was approved by the residents. The turnout of voters was the largest in Golden Valley History up to that time.

The Brookview site was purchased from Superior Golf Club, a private club, and work began on Brookview Park in 1968. The Park and Recreation department moved their offices into the Brookview Municipal Community Center and began operating the swimming pool and the golf course. During this period another park was added to the park system, a driving range was added to the golf course and the park received its first picnic

shelter. Starting in 1972 an urban trail system was underway and an open space committee organized to develop hiking trails, foot bridges, benches and picnic tables. Bassett Creek flows through the park forming pools where ducks and geese stop for a while on their way south. Children come to the park to feed birds.

Currently, the park and recreation system has a total acreage of 42,329 acres. There are seven baseball fields, nine playgrounds, Brookview Community Center, Brookview Golf Course and Community Park, a Tot Lot, tree farm, eight natural areas, and a 33 mile trail system.

In 1984 the swimming pool was closed because of needed repairs. A committee has been appointed to consider a new site. The community center was extensively remodeled and a

grand opening was held on October 21, 1984. The center is widely used by the community. Rooms are available for community meetings and individuals may rent the center facilities for weddings, dances, and receptions. A wide range of activities is planned to serve all age groups under the direction of Sue Cook, program supervisor. Classes and programs range from junior jazzercise or karate, to football or hockey, to italic lettering and many more. The senior citizen program, under the direction of Barbara Bailey, is one of the largest and fastest growing program in the community center.”

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NOW FOR THE BROOKVIEW COMMUNITY CENTER IN 2015:

HGA made a building assessment on July 1, 2014 which in part states: “Brookview Community Center was originally constructed in 1918. Since that time, the center has gone through a number of renovations and additions to meet the demands of the City of Golden Valley. A Golden Valley Task Force has established a vision for the project with important guiding principles at its core: The new Golden Valley Community Center is envisioned as a gathering place for the entire community in its use and identity. Attraction of residents of all ages is central to

this vision, including building accessibility as well as breath of programming supported by its spaces and building systems. A facility that supports these goals will be physically accessible and programmatically flexible. The goals of the project moving forward and the significant cost to correct existing problems, our recommendation is to replace the Brookview Community Center. This will allow the new facility to be right-sized, accessible, purpose-built and energy efficient for the long term benefit of the community.”

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Brian and Cindy Schiebe, 2316 York Avenue North, Golden Valley, MN 55422 (763-233-1251) email: bschiebe@gmail.com; Greet Brian and Cindy at our next general membership meeting.

