

# Keeping Lake Minnetonka History Alive



## DEEPHAVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

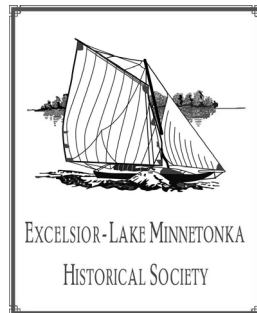
The Deephaven Historical Society was founded during the city's centennial celebration in 2000. We are dedicated to preserving and promoting the history of Deephaven through public presentations, displays, field trips, an archive and our newsletter.

Learn more: [www.deephavenhistorical.org](http://www.deephavenhistorical.org), [deephavenhistorical@gmail.com](mailto:deephavenhistorical@gmail.com), follow us on Facebook @DeephavenHistorical

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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, June–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 Tapping History Presentations

**January 13** – Lake Minnetonka History Trivia Night

**February 10** – “Olaf Searle, the Big Island channel, and Mahpiyata Island” with Paul Marvelas

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

**April 13** – “Oakwood: A History of West Big Island” with Aaron Person

**May 11** – “Excelsior Amusement Park Memories” with Greg Van Gompel and a panel of those who lived it

**Learn more:** [www.elmhs.org](http://www.elmhs.org), [info@elmhs.org](mailto:info@elmhs.org), 952-221-4766, follow us on Facebook @elmhs

## MINNETONKA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Minnetonka Historical Society is a non-profit organization, dedicated to preserving Minnetonka's past. The Society is located on the grounds of the Burwell House, in the heart of Historic Minnetonka Mills. The 1883 Burwell House is on the National Register of Historic Places.

**Burwell House** Open Saturdays and Sundays, May–September, and Tuesdays, June–August, 1–4 pm, 13209 McGinty Road East, Minnetonka

**Museum** Open Saturdays, June–August, in the Mill Office, Burwell House grounds, 13209 McGinty Road East, Minnetonka (see website for hours)



### Speakers Bureau

We provide speakers for your organization on a variety of history-related topics. (call for details)

### Antiques Appraisal Event

Bring your heirlooms! (see website for details)

**Trivia Nights** at Unmapped Brewing, 14625 Excelsior Boulevard, Minnetonka (see website for details)

**Learn more:** [www.minnetonka-history.org](http://www.minnetonka-history.org), [mtkahistory@yahoo.com](mailto:mtkahistory@yahoo.com), 952-930-3962

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## 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](http://www.steamboatminnehaha.org), mail@steamboatminnehaha.org, 952-474-2115, follow us on Facebook @SteamboatMinnehaha

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## WAYZATA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Founded in 1982, the Wayzata Historical Society promotes the history of the greater Wayzata area by operating the Wayzata Depot museum, 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 in its archives.



### Archives

Open Saturdays, 10 am–12 pm, lower level of the Wayzata Branch of the Hennepin County Library, 620 Rice Street, Wayzata

### Depot Museum

Open April–December, 402 East Lake Street, Wayzata

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## Upcoming Presentations

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

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

**July 9**, Thursday, 7 pm – “Yellow Jackets: The Story of Lake Minnetonka’s Streetcar Boats” with Aaron Person

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

**November 12**, Thursday, 7 pm – “Memories of Holidays Past” with Joanie Holst

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



### Museum and Archives

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

### Upcoming 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

**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

**Learn more:** [www.westonkahistoricalociety.org](http://www.westonkahistoricalociety.org), info@westonkahistoricalociety.org, 952-472-9800, follow us on Facebook @westonkahistoricalociety