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History Bits

1898:

The decision was made to erect a village hall and jail not to exceed the cost of \$500



1899:

A charming fire bell to hang in the belfry of the newly erected village hall was purchased for just \$2.75



1902:

At the city council meeting on June 7th, a resolution passed that stated "butchering must be stopped in the village limits during the summer months"



As the same meeting, it was decided that "minors under 16 years must not be out on the street, sidewalks, or alleys after 9 o'clock in the evening and at such time, the Village Bell shall ring to notify the same, unless on message for parents or guardians"



Announcing

Chanhassen Historical Society's New Home!

We are pleased to announce, after years of effort and negotiations, the Chanhassen Historical Society finally has a physical presence within the City. On June 1st we began moving into the Historic Village Hall, located in Heritage Square next to Historic St. Hubert's Church!

We have signed a two-year contract for the building with the City of Chanhassen and will now be able to hold events, display artifacts, and truly make it our home. CHS is responsible for payment of utilities and liability insurance. The city has generously agreed to continue covering building maintenance and snow removal.

Archiving, organizing, and cleaning have already begun. We intend to continue using the storage space afforded us at Chanhassen City Hall, as space is somewhat limited at our new location.

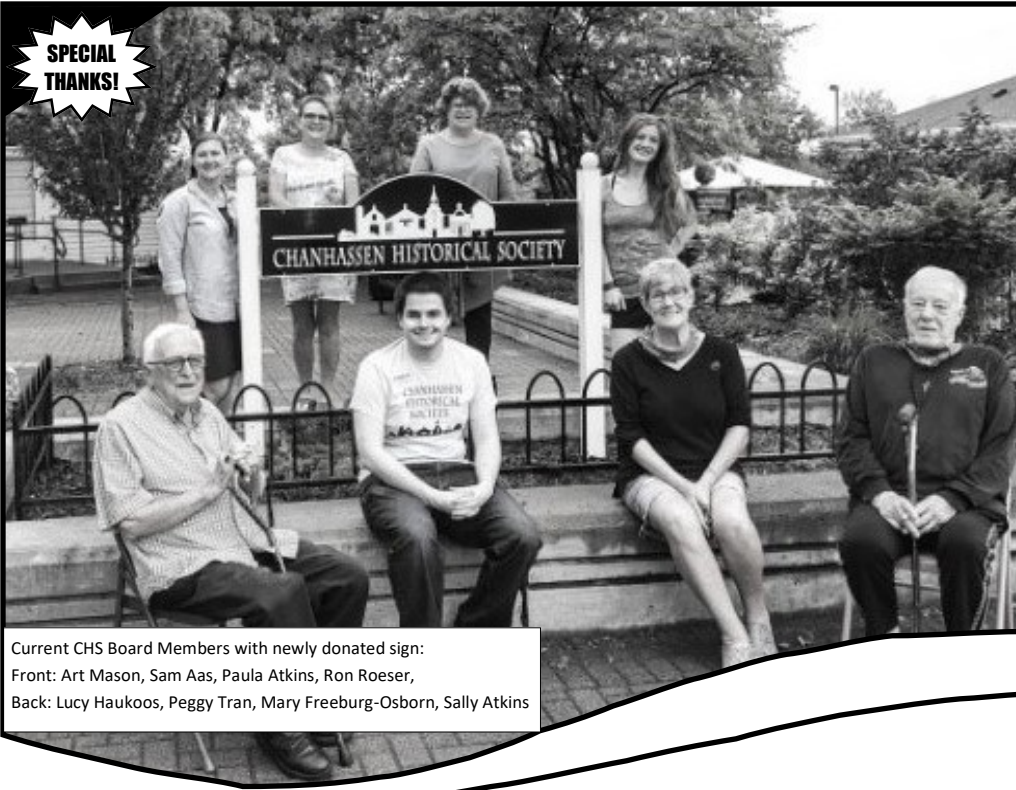
Carver County Historical Society will be providing us with some display cases and we intend to apply for a Legacy Grant from the State of Minnesota for lighting improvements.

Moving forward, we will need to intensify our fundraising and outreach efforts and would love to hear input and ideas from our members!

See inside for more ways to get involved in this exciting new chapter!



**SPECIAL
THANKS!**



Current CHS Board Members with newly donated sign:
Front: Art Mason, Sam Aas, Paula Atkins, Ron Roeser,
Back: Lucy Haukoos, Peggy Tran, Mary Freeburg-Osborn, Sally Atkins

A HUGE THANK YOU

to Randy Herget for his donation of a beautifully designed and printed sign to be displayed at our new Chanhasen Historical Society home!

Thanks, Randy!



Remember: Involvement with CHS offers many creative opportunities. We're always looking for members with new skills and interests to bring to the organization!!

Meet Our New Board Member!

Sam Aas

I was born and raised in Chanhasen and graduated from Chanhasen High School in 2015. I was involved in a variety of activities including CCHA hockey, trap shooting and I was the captain of my Knowledge Bowl team. After graduation I attended South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. I graduated in 2019 with a degree in history and minors in religion and museum studies. While at SDSU, my primary academic focus was the history of Chinese-American immigrants and the role they played in the burgeoning labor movement of the late 19th and early 20th century. I'm excited to be a board member and I look forward to using my background in museum studies and my passion for history to grow and develop the Chanhasen Historical Society.



Get Involved

As we work to set up our new museum space, we are in search of certain items including:

- Display cases or display tables (buffet-style or similar)
- Chairs or benches

If you have an item to donate that you think might be useful in our new space please send a picture to: pjatkins13@goldengate.net

Space is limited so unfortunately we cannot accept all donations!

CHS is also seeking volunteers with experience in grant writing!



Join us!

upcoming events

JUNE

saturday
june 27th
9:30am

Museum Cleaning

Join us at Old Village Hall for a morning of cleaning & prepping our new museum space!

JULY

thursday
july 9th
4pm-7pm

Artifact Archiving

Join us at City Hall for an evening of archiving & cataloging our extensive collection of artifacts!

FALL

2020

Grand Opening

Stay tuned for more information about our museum grand opening events this fall!

Interested volunteers please email pjatkings13@gmail.com

Join the Chanhassen Historical Society!

It is now more important than ever to join or renew your membership.

Please consider an additional donation as we prepare for the museum grand opening.

Check your address label for current membership status.

Membership automatically includes subscription to Carver County Historical Society's mailing list!

Membership Application

Date _____ Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone# () _____ E-mail _____

Individual (\$15) Family (\$25) Additional Donation Amount \$ _____

Thanks ☆

Make checks payable to: Chanhassen Historical Society, P.O. Box 941, Chanhassen, MN 55317

OR PayPal payments to: contact@chanhistorical.org

Notes from the President

2020 will go down in history as a year of worldwide upheaval. The widespread impacts of the pandemic, coupled with the aftermath of tragic events involving inequality, will forever be remembered by all of us living through it, and will continue to have repercussions for generations to come.

We at Chanhassen Historical Society have a special interest in preserving history for future generations, the importance of which cannot be overstated. If we cannot learn from the past, hope for the future is diminished.

Amidst these tragedies, we have been given a gift. After more than a year of negotiations and communications, the Chanhassen City Council approved our request to take stewardship of the Historic Village Hall. I say stewardship instead of rent because stewardship involves more than occupation—it requires care and preservation.

This jewel in our midst will be lovingly cared for and shared with all in our community.

I would like to say a special thanks to Mayor Elise Ryan and City Manager Todd Gerhardt for their unwavering support.

We could not have accomplished this without them, or the many other friends of the Chanhassen Historical Society.

Please see the notice in this newsletter regarding upcoming volunteer opportunities. We also ask that you consider an additional donation to help with new yearly expenses. In the coming year, we will be working diligently to raise funds for the maintenance and preservation of the history of Chanhassen. Fundraising ideas are welcome!

This will be my last year as president of the Chanhassen Historical Society and I know there are folks out there who have the skills, drive, and love of history to be leaders in our organization.

Now is the time! Please join us!

Paula Atkins, President



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