

1. 5:00 P.M. Heritage Preservation Commission

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Anoka City Hall, Work Session Room (2nd floor), 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 10, 2026



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 - a. December 17, 2025, Regular Meeting
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**Minutes of the
Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC)**

**Held at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 17, 2025
Worksession Room, Anoka City Hall**

- I. Call to Order** Chair Ward called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call**
 - Members present: Bart Ward, James Collins, Elizabeth McFarland, Barb Thurston, Brian Wolfe
 - Members absent: Cory Rahn, Lisa Silberg-Jurek
 - Others present: None
 - Staff present: Clark Palmer, Senior City Planner
- III. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from the November 12, 2025, regular meeting were approved.
- IV. Old Business**

None
- V. New Business**
 - A. 2025 Accomplishments, 2026 Goals**

Mr. Palmer explained the process for selecting the HPC's annual accomplishments and 2026 goals. The City Council will select their goals in early 2026. The goals of the City Council will be forwarded to all boards and commissions for consideration when selecting their respective goals. Mr. Palmer said members should start thinking about what those might be. The commission discussed various events and activities of the commission from the past year.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - A. Heritage Preservation Award Committee (Silberg-Jurek, Thurston)**
 - B. Fundraising Committee (Rahn, Collins)**
 - C. Event Committee (Ward, McFarland)**

An update on the Tree of Valor Event was given by Chair Ward. The event is not going to happen in Anoka this year.
- VII. Miscellaneous**

A. Recognition of Bart Ward for 23 years of service on the HPC

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN, MOTION CARRIED 5-0 AT 6:00 P.M.



**Minutes of the
Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC)**

**Held at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 13, 2026
Worksession Room, Anoka City Hall**

- I. Call to Order** Acting Chair Thurston called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- II. Roll Call**
Members present: James Collins, Elizabeth McFarland, Cory Rahn, Lisa Silberg-Jurek, Barb Thurston, Brian Wolfe

Members absent: None

Others present: None

Staff present: Clark Palmer, Senior City Planner
- III. Oaths of Office**
Commissioner Rahn and Silberg-Jurek took the office of office.
- IV. Appointments**
Barb Thurston was appointed Chair. Jake Collins was appointed Vice-chair.
Commissioners discussed committee assignments.
- V. Approval of Minutes**
None
- VI. Old Business**
None
- VII. New Business**
 - A. Anoka County Historical Society Relocation**
Mr. Palmer reported on the plan for Anoka County Historical Society (ACHS) to relocate their organization to the Ticknor House located at 1625 3rd Ave. ACHS will continue to operate the B&B and convert the private dwelling into offices and research library. Commissioners discussed the project including the suitability of the property for the proposed use and proposed outdoor activities and parking. Mr. Palmer gave a brief history on the establishment of the B&B and its approval by conditional use permit in 1996. Mr. Palmer said the use will have to be allowed by City Council by conditional use permit. Mr. Palmer said he'd like the HPC to provide a recommendation, similar to the Planning Commission. He

discussed the schedule and said the item will be on the next meeting's agenda for consideration.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Heritage Preservation Award Committee

B. Fundraising Committee

C. Event Committee

A update on the planning for the 250th Anniversary of the America event in Anoka was provided and discussed.

IX. Miscellaneous

X. Adjournment

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STAFF REPORT

Conditional Use Permit Amendment
Ticknor Hill B&B and Anoka County Historical Society
1625 3rd Ave (Ticknor House)

BACKGROUND

The Anoka County Historical Society (ACHS) is pursuing the purchase of the Ticknor House, located at 1625 3rd Avenue, with the intention of relocating some of its operations to the historic property, specifically its offices and research library. Built in 1867, the Ticknor House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property is currently home to the Ticknor Hill Bed & Breakfast (B&B), which was established in 1996 following approval of a conditional use permit (CUP) from the City of Anoka. Since its establishment, the B&B has essentially operated as a home-based business, with the owners residing in the back half of the building and the front half functioning as the B&B. ACHS plans to continue to operate the B&B in addition to relocating some of its operations to the property.

The subject property is zoned R-1 Low Density Residential. To allow the proposed use, the existing CUP (A1996-34) must be amended to reflect the updated operations. The B&B will no longer function as a home-based business, and the portion of the building currently used as a private residence will be converted into offices and a research library. ACHS does not plan to establish any exhibits or displays at the property.

The current CUP allows operation of the B&B with the following conditions:

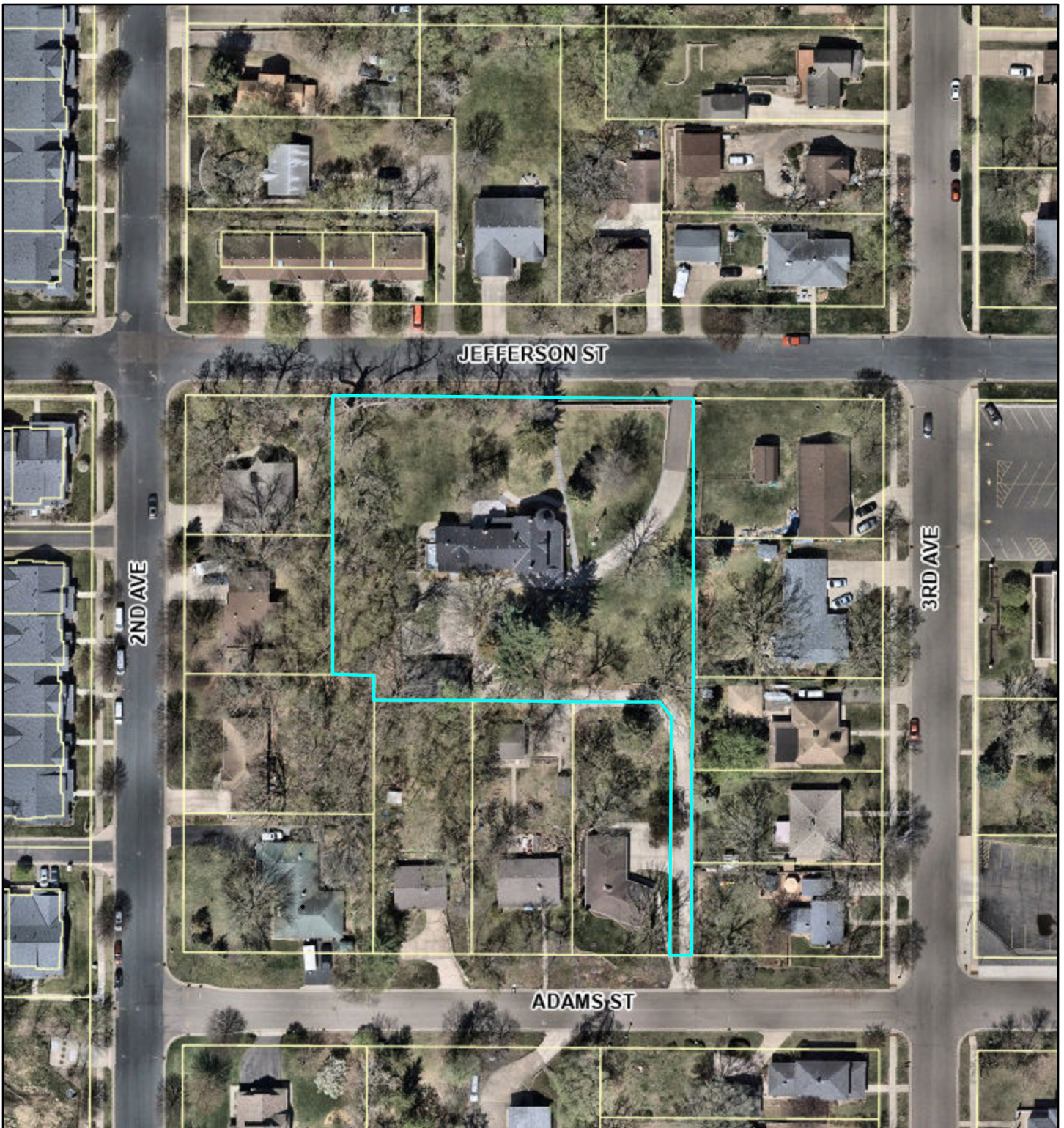
1. The site shall not be used for any commercial events other than the bed and breakfast.
2. Any state of county licenses must be obtained and a copy of each must be submitted to the city.
3. Any directional signage shall be limited to one square foot in size.
4. Name identification signage shall comply with the R-1 residential standards.
5. The bed and breakfast facility will be limited to four guest bedrooms
6. The facility must be inspected and approved by the Fire Marshal before the bed and breakfast facility opens.

Attached to the report is a written narrative and site plan prepared by ACHS. ACHS is not proposing to expand the B&B or make any exterior alterations to the structure, with exception of a new ADA ramp near the side/rear (southwest) entrance. One of the primary changes being proposed is the introduction of outdoor events and activities, with details provided in the applicant's narrative. For regular parking needs, ACHS plans to utilize existing parking areas around the building and the detaching garage, providing approximately 5-6 spaces. For larger events, temporary parking would be accommodated along the private driveway or on Jefferson St and Third Ave.

REQUESTED ACTION

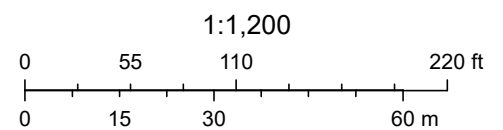
Provide recommendation to City Council on conditional use permit application

ArcGIS Web Map



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- Multi-units



The Anoka County Historical Society

The Anoka County Historical Society maintains a 3,000-square-foot exhibit gallery in the heart of downtown Anoka, surrounded by historic buildings and riverways. It seeks to represent the legacy of the 21 communities that make up Anoka County through artifacts, written accounts, photographs, and oral histories. ACHS conducts educational programming, tours, and special events throughout the year to keep legacy stories alive for the current generation. The organization also advocates that individuals privately preserve their family histories, businesses document their journeys, and communities better address how future residents will remember previous generations.

Offices at Ticknor Hill

In 2026, ACHS will cease operating as a “museum under one roof” and transition to a distributed model, with our services spread across multiple locations. The first of these we will establish is a research library, volunteer center, and offices at the Heman L. Ticknor House, located at 1625 Third Ave S in Anoka. We anticipate two to three staff members working from this location during the week, primarily assisting patrons with genealogical questions or local historians conducting research. Currently, most of our requests come via email or phone, so the in-person visitation rate is under 5 people per day. Given the space limitations at Ticknor House, large-group programming will take place off-site at libraries, City Hall, or community centers. Similarly, exhibits and displays will not be set up at Ticknor, as they are at our current location in the old city library, due to limited space. In year three of our new strategic plan, we will set up off-site displays and exhibits for public enjoyment throughout the county.

The Bed and Breakfast

In addition to these operations, ACHS plans to continue operating the Bed and Breakfast on the property's second floor to generate income for the nonprofit and provide small, cozy accommodations for tourists and local travelers. Maintaining the tradition begun by Lynne Rickert and continued by Deb Wallace, ACHS will continue to provide a warm, inviting home-away-from-home experience for our guests, highlighting personalized service and local culture, wrapped in the historical stories of our county. ACHS can partner with businesses on Main Street to provide delicious breakfasts and exceptional customer service while fostering an appreciation for local history and culture. Currently, four bedrooms are in use as a B&B. ACHS plans to reduce that to three and remove the cooked breakfast option from the menu. Instead, guests will receive either a voucher for

downtown dining or a basket of goodies delivered to their door as a continental breakfast.

Outside Events and Activities

In the current business proposal (see attached), we are planning to hold outdoor events for the Anoka County Historical Society, as well as renting out the space for small community gatherings.

All events would be held outside of the hours restricted by the City of Anoka, from 10 pm to 7 am.

In the ACHS Business Plan, we outline what outdoor events would look like. Please refer to the following sections for details:

- Demonstrations and Larger Events
- Smaller Events and Programs
- Harvest Festival – an example of what a specific, larger event could look like.

The larger events would complement existing City of Anoka festivals and events, such as Riverfest, the Anoka Vintage Fest, and the Food Truck Festival, to enhance the city's tourist draw. The Ghosts of Anoka Walking Tour in September and October would operate either from the Ticknor House or the Masonic Lodge. The New London New Brighton Antique Car Run has, for the last two years, stopped at ACHS. We would like to continue the tradition at the Ticknor House. These larger events would require people to use city parking lots and street parking.

For private events, the yard could be rented out by private groups for small family gatherings, wedding rehearsal dinners, or photo shoots. The maximum number of people is 100. Music at these events is for background only, such as an acoustic quartet on the porch.

ACHS Parking Site Plan



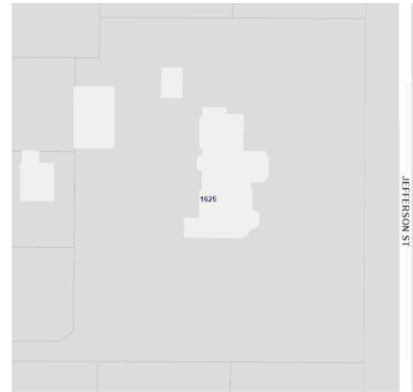
ACHS Parking Site Plan

Proposed Jan 2026

The current proposed parking plan would be to add a ramp and widen the back (southwest) door of the home. A dedicated handicapped space would be available right near this ramp.

Other parking spaces would be next to this space as well as in and/or outside of the existing garage structure on the property.

Further temporary parking needs during the day can be accommodated along the long drive, or along Jefferson St. and Third Ave.



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THE STAFF AND BOARD



STAFF

Rebecca Ebneth-Desens
(Executive Director)
Sara Given (Volunteer Coordinator)
Leo Elke (Interim Collections Manager)
Cindy McKenney (Office Staff)

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District 2: Open
District 3: Open
District 4: Steve Florman (President)
District 5: Open
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At-Large C: Jamie Kiefert
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At-Large G: Chad Roberts
At-Large H: Nate Otto
County Commissioner Liaison:
John Heinrich

ON THE COVER: THE HEMAN L. TICKNOR
HOUSE OF ANOKA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE
TICKNOR HILL BED AND BREAKFAST

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Steve Florman



This year turned out to be more eventful than we anticipated! We're grateful to all of you, our members and friends, for your outpouring of support and encouragement as we digested the news of our impending homelessness, and put the search for a new space into high gear.

We made a successful offer to purchase the Ticknor Hill property in Anoka, one of the county's National Register properties. We still need to finalize the financing and timing details, but we're excited about the prospect of housing the Society in an iconic historic building near downtown Anoka. The possibilities for storytelling and event planning, as well as the continued operation of the current B&B as a revenue source for the Society, have us looking ahead to 2026 with excitement.

It will be hard work, but we have a path, and we now know what needs to be done.

Onward!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Rebecca Ebnet Desens



CHECK OUT OUR PODCAST AND
SOCIAL MEDIA FOR UPDATES!

Significant changes are on the horizon for ACHS in 2026, and we aim to maintain transparency throughout the process. We can't thank you enough for your past support, current interest, and future involvement. Together, we can make ACHS stronger than ever and take advantage of this opportunity to reimagine the organization. Check out our latest podcast, website, and social media for the most current updates through this process.

OUR CHANGING TIMES

THERE'S NO EASY WAY TO SAY THIS: WE HAVE TO MOVE AND UPEND THE HOW ACHS HAS OPERATED FOR DECADES.

The City of Anoka has decided to redevelop the land and building we occupy at 2135 Third Ave N. For 25 years we have enjoyed in-kind rent, a nearly 9,000 sq ft building, and downtown location. This arrangement has served us well, allowing local history to flourish with Ghost Tours, walk-in visitors, and event access. But Cinderella was right and all good things must come to an end. With the help of some mice and hopefully a Fairy Godmother, this transition will prove smooth and relatively painless for all.



Anoka City Library circa 1970



DOWN MEMORY LANE



AND BEFORE THAT?

Banfill Locke House



HALLOWEEN EVENT
AT COLONIAL HALL

Some of you may remember the days of Colonial Hall, when ACHS showcased the Aldrich mansion through programming and genealogical work. Volunteers operated the organization until Vickie Wendel and Jean Smith became co-directors in 1995. From then until 2002, when the move to our current building was complete, events included “Drums, Dreams, and History,” a benefit performance by Garrison Keillor, and bus tours. All ACHS operations, including artifact storage, took place at Colonial Hall. This eventually led to sagging attic floors and damage from environmental conditions unsuitable for the collection. It became apparent that a different home was necessary.

RENOVATION AT THE LIBRARY

May 2000 – Design work begins
Oct 2000 – Museum software is purchased
Feb 2001 – New windows installed
June 2001 – New lighting installed
Aug 2001 – Garden work begins
Nov 2001 – Carpet, security system installed

SPONSORS

The large copper representation of Anoka County listing sponsors commands attention in the entryway of the history center. Support from Hoffman Engineering, Connexus, the American Legion, and the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council proved crucial.

BREAKING UP THE SERVICES



Volunteers - Research Library - Offices

THE HEMAN L. TICKNOR HOUSE

Known as the Ticknor Hill Bed and Breakfast on Third Ave (Jefferson St), it was built in 1867 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Collections Storage

JOHNSON STREET, ANOKA

The City of Anoka owns a building we can use to store the collection for about five years until it decides to redevelop that area.

Exhibits and Displays

DISPERSAL MODEL

The exhibit hall will now travel to public locations owned by the county and its cities. In many ways, this will increase access to local history, as information will come to people rather than requiring them to visit ACHS.

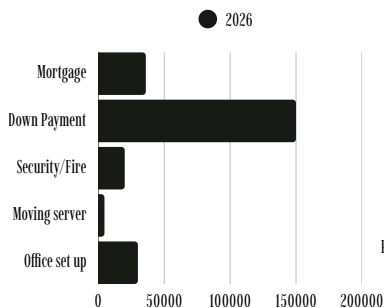


DIGITAL

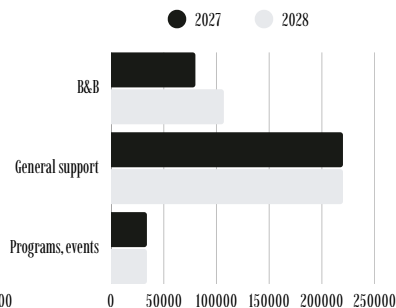
Our online exhibits, social media, and podcasts will continue uninterrupted.

TICKNOR HOUSE

Estimated Expenses



Estimated Profit



The ground floor of Ticknor will become the research library and office space, housing the microfilm reader, computers, scanners, and desks. The “back of house” bedrooms will store frequently used materials, such as subject files, while the “front of house” bedrooms will remain a B&B to generate income.

We see this as an opportunity to provide a warm, inviting home-away-from-home experience for B&B guests, highlighting personalized service and local culture, all wrapped in the historical stories of our county to foster appreciation for our local history.

The revenue from a fully operational B&B at the Ticknor House will cover the property’s mortgage. We are developing special packages for family oral history experiences, wedding parties, or silent research weekends to encourage people to stay. Vouchers for Anoka businesses and other partnerships will help market the B&B to a new audience and expand the reach of people who hear about ACHS.

WHAT'S NEXT?



If all goes according to plan for the city, we will need to vacate our current building by December 2026. As it pertains to the Ticknor property, these are our next steps:

1. January – File a zoning text amendment with the city to allow, by conditional use permit (CUP), in a residential area, for the historical society to operate within the “historically significant structure” and to enable us to maintain the existing bed and breakfast operation.
2. January – Apply for a Legacy grant to hire an architect to create plans to install a ramp from the parking lot to the back door and widen the door to increase accessibility to the research library.
3. January – Confirm mortgage funding from a lender. Anticipated closing date is Apr 1.
4. February – Consult nonprofit lawyers to ensure both ACHS and the B&B business are set up correctly at the state and federal levels.
5. May – Remove the existing plush carpet and install more accessible hard flooring in the current sitting room, dining room, and billiard room.
6. May – Install fire and security systems in compliance with applicable codes.
7. June – Move the computers, server, printer, and other office materials over.
8. July – Create a website and online booking sites for the B&B.
9. July – Apply for a Legacy grant to hire a construction company to complete the planned work for the ramp and door expansion.
10. Cross our fingers that you all can come over during Riverfest in July!

GOAL: Maintain two days per week open to the public during this transition year



Grant Schedule



In addition to donations and sponsorships to fund Operation Relocation, ACHS can apply for grants to support this transition:

The **Phase I Accessibility grant** has a January 9 deadline to submit for funds to create architectural plans for a ramp and to widen Ticknor's back door. Since this is a National Register property and ACHS is a nonprofit historical society, we can continue to secure grants like these to support the house's maintenance. Ideally, funding would arrive in March, and we could begin work in June.

The **Phase II Accessibility grant** would complete the ramp's construction. This has a July deadline and requires the Phase I document for approval. If funding is received by September, we could execute the work by December.

Concurrently, we need to apply for a **Collections Phase I** grant in April to fund another staff member to assist with packing and metadata verification for the archival items. Donors can be listed on these grants as in-kind supporters, which can increase our chances of receiving the funds.

FUNDRAISING



Circle April 11 on your calendars, folks! Saddle up for the next murder mystery showdown, yee-haw! This time, we're heading to the Wild West. All the loot from the event will support Operation Relocation. We're on the hunt for silent auction treasures, sponsors, and eager participants to lasso in support for this next chapter of local history. Don't miss out!

COLLECTIONS

IT'S LIKE MOVING YOUR HOUSEHOLD GOODS,
ONLY MORE SO...

Every item in the ACHS collection has a number. That number correlates to a data entry in a system called Collective Access. In that entry, each item has a listed "home location" so staff can find it easily. If the item moves to display, out on loan, or...to a different location...it must be changed.

In January, we will begin the work of planning how to move the thousands of items currently stored in our building. These range from large kayaks to tiny watch fobs, sheets of paper, maps, quilts, textiles, and digital media. Each one needs to be checked for a secure moving container – and ideally, if we can, we should weed out some items that have no story connected with Anoka County.

The new facility on Johnson Street needs to have dataloggers placed inside. These devices track temperature and humidity so the environment stays within recommended limits for museum collections.



**IN ORDER TO
ACCOMMODATE THE
MOVE, ACHS WILL NOT
BE ACCEPTING MORE
ITEMS INTO THE
COLLECTION FOR THE
NEXT YEAR.**

**IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO
DONATE, PLEASE TAKE
A PHOTO OF IT, WRITE
A SHORT DESCRIPTION,
AND EMAIL BOTH TO
COLLECTIONS@ANOKAC
OUNTYHISTORY.ORG**



The exhibit hall provides a space like no other – people can come to explore new ideas, think quietly, or share stories. Unfortunately, for the immediate future, ACHS will not have a singular exhibit hall for folks to gather. Instead, we will use a “dispersal model” to highlight local history.

EXHIBITS

If we spend 2026 moving and organizing, 2027 can be used to expand our footprint at Ticknor, and then, in 2028, we can plan for a new set of rotating exhibits throughout the county. This could include “Pop-up Offices” at city hall, school programming, a scanning station for residents, and hands-on educational totes. Perhaps we make “A Shot of History” banners for coffee shops, or design QR code tour plaques to accompany a cemetery tour. It would be fun to gather with residents for a story share, an oral history workshop, or a “documentation day” where everyone takes photos of their favorite places and submits them. The sky is the limit, and we’d love to hear your ideas for your community.

Festivals and Fairs

Volunteers on the porch at the County Fair, 1984



WE WILL STILL HOST THE NEW LONDON-NEW BRIGHTON ANTIQUE CAR RUN IN AUGUST, WAVE AT YOU FROM THE PORCH DURING THE COUNTY FAIR, SELL PICKLES AT THE NOWTHEN THRESHING SHOW, AND HOST OUR YARD SALE AT ANOKA RIVERFEST.

A NEW STRATEGY

OUT OF NECESSITY, THE ACHS BOARD TOSSED OUR CURRENT STRATEGIC PLAN OUT THE WINDOW. THIS IS A TEMPORARY PAUSE. FEAR NOT, WE'LL COME BACK TO IT.



What's on Hold

Organizing a successful move and securing ACHS's future must come first, right now. Unfortunately, that means pausing our projects, plans, and much of our in-person programming.

Echoes of Bravery: We will complete the two open grants we were awarded to gather oral histories and create educational totes featuring family members and veteran profiles. The book project will be shelved for at least one year, and possibly longer. Those who pre-purchased a book may either wait for fulfillment or have their contribution refunded.

Collections: We have set a moratorium on new artifacts entering the collection for the next year, possibly longer. It's irresponsible for us to process new items while managing the move, as they won't receive the treatment they deserve. We have created a file for pending donations – simply email a photo and description of the item to collections@anokacountyhistory.org, and we will contact you.

Programming: We love our programs as much as you do, but with the clock ticking, our focus must be on events that either draw large crowds or generate revenue for ACHS. Although presentations like the Rum Runners may need to remain quiet for a year, our digital storytelling will continue.

VOLUNTEER WORLD

Through all the changes on the horizon for the museum, one thing that won't change is the importance of YOU, our volunteers. Your presence not only helps expand what we are able to accomplish, you help spread local history beyond the boxes where the old stuff lives. Volunteers and members are the HEART of our community.

Over the course of the next year, and beyond, the help of volunteers will be crucial. Sometimes it means swooping in to save the day when we send out the bat signal for a project. Other times, it means letting us know how you are able to help.

Our mental load as staff is stretched to see what is directly in front of us from a factual and analytical standpoint. What skills and time do you have ready to add to the Operation Relocation cause? We're happy to hear your suggestions – we've never done this either!



So, what's tickling your fancy? As you ponder the grand adventure of moving to Ticknor, what dazzling talents are you ready to unleash upon us?

Spill the beans! Are you a green-thumbed guru ready to revamp our gardens this spring? Or perhaps a sponsorship sleuth who can help us snag some cash for our Murder Mystery shindig?

Here's to a new year!

Sara Given

Sara@AnokaCountyHistory.org
612-505-5373 (cell)



THANK YOU!



GENERAL DONATIONS

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Bruce Van Sloun
Rita Warpeha

BUSINESS MEMBERS

Fifth Avenue Dental
Jill Brown PR, LLC

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **The Nurses of Vietnam** –
Saturday, January 24, 2026, 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. at the Anoka County History Center
Have you read “The Women” or “Sisterhood of War?” Join us for a discussion
with author Kim Heikkila and commentary from the Vietnam nurses
themselves. We will have an exceptional event prepared to address questions.
- **Women’s Mental Health** –
March 14, 2 p.m.- 4 p.m., location TBD
Explore “The Woman They Could Not Silence” and “The Crusade for Forgotten
Souls” to gain insight into life within state asylums – including our very
own in the City of Anoka.
- **Murder Mystery Fundraiser**
April 11, Bunker Hills Event Center



A CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS



It's that time of year!

From now until March, we will accept applications for new board members to serve a three year term.

Check our website for the link or email
rebecca@anokacountyhistory.org



OUR MISSION IS TO GATHER, PRESERVE AND SHARE THE STORIES OF ALL THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES THAT ARE PART OF ANOKA COUNTY.

THE ANOKA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS AN INCLUSIVE ORGANIZATION ACCOUNTABLE FOR PRESENTING AND CELEBRATING BOTH THE TOLD AND UNTOLD STORIES OF ANOKA COUNTY. WE INVITE PEOPLE TO JOIN US ON THIS JOURNEY TO IGNITE CURIOSITY ABOUT THE PAST AND TO UNDERSTAND OUR SHARED EXPERIENCES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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