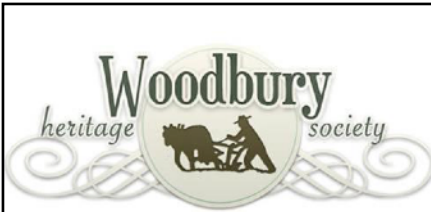




Heritage Happenings

Newsletter of the Woodbury Heritage Society



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WHS Annual Meeting

The Woodbury Heritage Society will have its annual meeting on Sunday, January 12 from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM. It will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church at 1975 St. Johns Drive in Woodbury, MN 55129. See our website for further information as the date approaches!



A Splendid Day for our Heritage House!

By **Joyce Flynn**, WHS Board of Directors

September 23, 2019 was a bright sunny day for all. A number of Woodbury Heritage Society members had volunteered for our annual Woodbury's Middleton School field trip. Our volunteers were busily putting out the displays for inside and outside. Outside the house, "Molly the Moo" the cow was made ready for little hands to milk her udders. They are made from four rubber nipples that feed newborn calves and were filled with water. Around the garden area, which is planted with vegetables and flowers, is a plow used in the fields in days gone by.

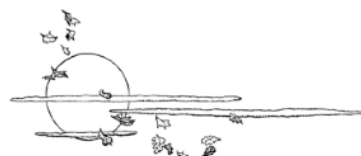
Garden tools are also displayed and were used that day to show the children where potatoes come from and how they are dug up. We also showed how to harvest pumpkins, tomatoes, cucumbers and turnips. A corn sheller, with buckets of dried corn on the cobs, was in the area along the back of the outside house wall.

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Help us Preserve our Heritage!

The Woodbury Heritage Society will gladly accept donations to help us preserve our history. With projects like the Miller Barn restoration and the Valley Creek Park development going on, we would really appreciate your assistance!



Parks and Recreation Director Michelle Okada and Margaret Wachholz were both happy the planning is going so well.

Members of the Woodbury Heritage Society attended a meeting on October 15th. Michelle Okada, the city's Parks and Recreation Director, held an open house for people interested in the Valley Creek Park development. Park Planner Mike Adams was there to discuss the overall plan, and representatives of the firm of Hagen, Christensen & McIlwain Architects (HCM Architects) were there to explain their plans, to answer questions, and to accept input from the citizens of Woodbury.

The good news is that surveys conducted by the city show a strong support for having the Miller Barn as an integral part of the park. The Woodbury Heritage Society hopes to be meeting soon with Michelle, Mike and HCM to discuss the plans for the interior of the barn. It does appear that the barn is not to be a year-round structure, but it would be open in the warmer months.

We hope to provide a historical and cultural interpretive center staffed by volunteers from our organization, as we do at the Heritage House. Displays might include photos and artifacts from Woodbury's history, including the Native American culture that was here. It would also allow us to hold historical events during the year. We hope to present interactive displays featuring elderly residents who have been part of Woodbury history and culture.

The plan for the park includes play areas for children, paved and unpaved trails for biking and hiking, picnic areas, and educational signage regarding the trout stream headwaters. The plan will provide buffer zones around the park, and will improve existing tree areas—removing dead trees and planting new ones.

There will be other public meetings to answer further questions, and make more suggestions. WHS will be present to continue to advocate for the historical items we hope to see in the final plan!



Jerry Hagen, Nate Ekhoft and Dan Lawrence were very friendly and did a wonderful job explaining their plans, answering questions for and accepting suggestions from all the visitors. Jerry and Dan work for HCM, and Nate works for Louck's engineering.



Mike Adams and Margaret Wachholz listen.

Mike Adams

Mike Adams is the planner for the Valley Creek Park Master Plan.

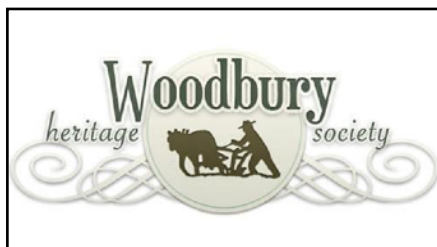
He is an experienced Parks and Recreation professional with a demonstrated 18-year public service career in the government administration industry.

He is skilled in Recreation Programming, Park Operations, Facility Management, Expense Budgeting, Capital Improvement Delivery, Project Management, Grant Writing, and Customer Service. Mike is a strong business development professional with a Master's Degree focused in Organizational Leadership from Concordia University-St. Paul.

He has been a resident in our community since 2005 and with the City of Woodbury for 6 years. Mike serves as the project lead for the Valley Creek Park project and has been the staff liaison on the Miller Barn Committee.



Wayne Schilling pointing out features of the plan.



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