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### Alan Goodman

On behalf of the Lake County Historical Society's Board of Directors, Members and Staff I would like to wish the very best to Lake County Highway Engineer Alan Goodman on his retirement. Mr. Goodman's positive influence on our community can be seen throughout the county. The Historical Society in particular was fortunate enough to have Mr. Goodman support projects that included the Lighthouse restoration, the 3 Spot restoration, the train platform and canopy over the 3 Spot and the Mallet #229 restoration. Thank you!

### Edna G Commission

The commission continues our work with the City of TH to maintain the historic Tug. Since our last newsletter; The eyelets have been welded to the dock (Tom Koehler). This will enable the CN to hang a new tire so the tug will be better protected from high wind and rubbing against the dock. Tom also welded up the damaged gunwale and he and Larry Ronning completed the installation of the last timbers that needed to be replaced. The flagpole was repaired so Ol' Glory flies again. The City of TH approved the bid to install new railings on the dock. Hopefully we can get rid of the rotted wood and orange snow fence before the Street Rod car show this September. The new compressor has been purchased but not yet installed to get the whistles working again.

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# Two Harbors Iron Port



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## The Historic Waterfront Business District

I was invited to the Two Harbors Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on July 2 to make proposal to have the portion of Two Harbors south of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from the eastern shoreline to the railroad tracks designated as the Historic Waterfront District. The first thing I learned was that many years ago the area had already been designated as the Historic Waterfront Business District. There are several reasons for my proposal; First I wanted the area to be recognized for what it is. Within four city blocks there are seven locations on the National Historic Register. (The Light Station, Depot, #6 Dock, Edna G, Dwan Office 3M, Lake County Courthouse and the Carnegie Library. All but two are located on Waterfront Drive. There are other locations that

would qualify for the NH Register. (Beckman's Livery and Dray, Old City Hall and Fire Station, and the Scandinavian Mercantile to name a few) Second it was my intent to use this designation as a marketing tool to attract visitors to Two Harbors through our collaborative efforts with the Two Harbors Area Visitors Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce. Last but not least I was hoping that it may help inspire the people of Two Harbors to have a greater interest in the history of their community. As part of my initial proposal I requested that signage be put in place along Waterfront Drive and Lakeview Drive letting people know they are entering the Historic Waterfront Business District. Waterfront Drive is the next logical place as it is

out of the MN Department of Transportation's right of way. According to MN DOT's regulations a community must first make application and have recognition from the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) before they can make a public designation of a historic district. I recommended that the CTH not make an application for this designation from SHPO as it would come with a lot of strings attached that would upset homeowners and make business development more difficult. The commission appreciated a Historic Walking Tour Brochure I created last season and asked that I adapt it to be displayed along the trailheads of the Sonju trail in Agate and Burlington Bays to be put in place for the 2014 season. The Walking Tour Signs along with those on Lakeview and Waterfront Drives would be enough to begin establishing

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the Historic Waterfront Business District. Planning and Zoning members were going to place this topic on the agenda for the July 8<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting. I have not been informed of the outcome.

**Sponsored programs:**

The Historical Marker Project got off to a good start this year. We currently have five markers in place around Two Harbors and one in Knife River. They have been well received by most people. If you have questions or are interested in sponsoring one of these markers please contact me at the Society office. I ask for a \$100 sponsorship though each sign costs about \$130 by the time I get it in place.

**Grant supported projects for 2013:**

The Lake County Historical Society has received a grant from the Cooperative Power and Light Operation Round – Up to help us with the pending grant from the MN Historical Society for our Depot window repairs. I originally applied for this grant back in February but MNHS ran out of funds so I re-opened the application to be included in the July 12<sup>th</sup> 2013 grant cycle. We should hear if we are awarded the funds to move forward by August. This should leave us enough time for Old World Windows to come in and do the work before winter. Four of the lower east side windows are included in the project description at a cost of \$2200.00 each.

The Society has an open grant from the LaBounty Family Fund, part of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, for restorative work being done on the ore car and caboos displays.

This grant will include some minor work on the tertiary displays as well and a barrier to protect the entire exhibit space upon completion. Todd and I have been doing the work ourselves and it is progressing slowly. Courtesy of the Valspar Company we have the paint to finish the Dwan Office 3M building. I am still looking for volunteers and contractors interested in helping on the project.

**Oral History Project**

I want to thank Sharon (Erickson) Ropes for taking this project on. We have invested in some new equipment and Sharon has invested a lot of time into getting this program back on its feet. If you know someone that may be interested in telling their story, please contact the office with CONTACT INFORMATION and we will do our best to have Sharon get in touch with them.

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The following people have donated to the permanent collection. We would like to thank them for their generosity.

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