NORTHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Report to the Northfield City Council

July 19, 2016

ATTENDANCE

Number of people that walked in the door

- 2013 - 25,525
- 2014 - 24,353
- 2015 - 27,455
- Year to Date 2016 - 6,255, on the same pace as last year.

COLLECTIONS ADDED TO NHS

- 2015 - 52 total collections accepted into the NHS collection
- Year to Date 2016 - 30 collections accepted into the NHS collection

HIGHLIGHTS 2015/2016

- October – December 2015
  - Cemetery Stories
  - 40/40 exhibits
- 2016
  - Malt-O-Meal Collection/Exhibit
  - Laura Baker Collection
  - Photography Exhibit
  - Bank Raid Exhibit Update
  - Programs
    - History Happy Hour
    - Glensheen
    - Anna Dickie Olsen
    - *Midnight to Dawn: Lincoln, the Civil War and the End of Slavery in America*
    - Cultural Shift: Vietnamese and Mexican Immigration in Northfield
    - And more…

YOUTH PROGRAMS

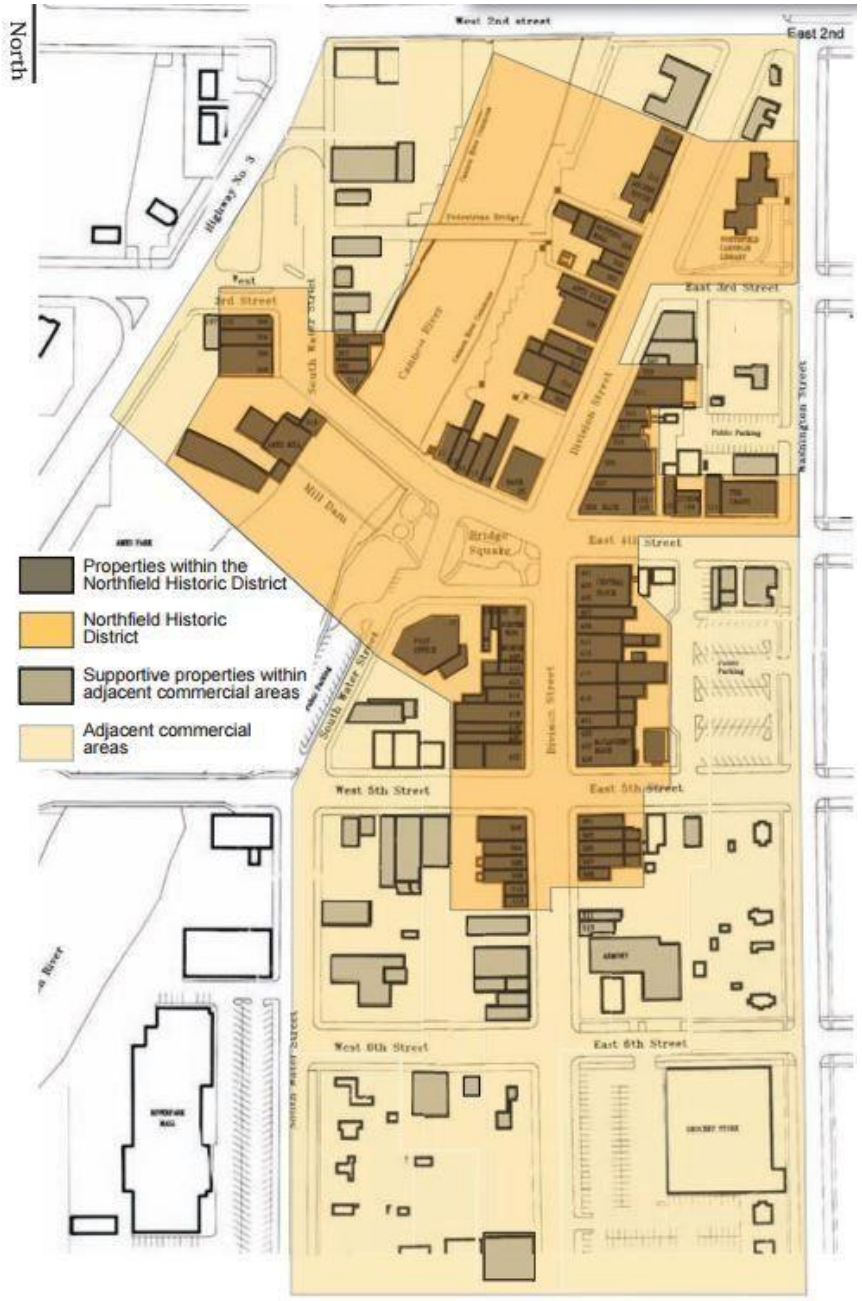
- SCOPE
  - Book, *Cultural Shift: Vietnamese and Mexican Immigration in Northfield*
  - Oral history
- Jr. Curator
- Jr. Posse
- 3rd Grade Bridgewater Tours
- New School Tour Program

CITY COLLECTION 2015/16

- 72 reel-to-reel recordings of City meetings were converted into digital audio files in the spring of 2016
  - The best audio quality files will be matched with their City Council Minutes and uploaded to the Northfield History Collaborative
  - In 2015 37 reel-to-reels were converted into digital audio files of these files 15 fit our quality & content criteria for sharing on the Northfield History Collaborative and we uploaded with their corresponding City Council Minutes.
- The second City Council Minute Book has been sent off for digitization.
- A resource guide to the NHS collection and City collection has been published to the NHS website and the Northfield History Collaborative

HPC

- Historic District Review
  - Provided information to consultant
  - Reviewed draft plan
- Information Requests
  - Tax credit projects
    - Armory



NHS INITIATIVES MOVING FORWARD

- Continue with the digitizing the City collection and making it accessible.
- Continue to work with the Armory group on possible tax credits.
- Assist with the Downtown Historic District evaluation grant.
- Partner with Carleton College on the 150th anniversary celebration.
- Continue work on the Laura Baker collection.
- Continue work on the Malt-O-Meal collection.