



# 2018 LOCAL HISTORY MEETING ST. FRANCIS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**Saturday, July 7, 2018**

Collaboration. Cooperation.

Join in the local history discussion.



**Hosted by the St. Francis Historical Society at the St. Francis Civic Center, 3400 E Howard Avenue**

(Accessible with parking at back entrances)

Affiliates of the Metropolitan region, as well as the public, are encouraged to attend this informative event. The Wisconsin Council for Local History and the Wisconsin Historical Society will share timely updates about upcoming statewide initiatives and events.

## Meeting Agenda

9:00— 9:30 am	Registration and refreshments
9:30— 9:45 am	Introductions and Welcome Updates from Wisconsin Historical Society, Status of the Wisconsin Historical Museum
9:45 –10:30 am	Historical Societies and Community Foundations – Working Together! Mark Maurice, Greater Milwaukee Foundation.
10:30—11:00	Break
11:00–12:00 pm	Finding Lost Graves - Ground-Penetrating Radar at a Pioneer Cemetery
12:00 – 1:00 pm	During Lunch WCLH Business Meeting and Election - John Decker, President Box Lunch provided by Layton Fruit Market (sandwich, chips, fruit & pasta salads, dessert, drink)
1:00 pm	Local history tours: St. Francis of Assisi Convent Chapel Lake Protestant Cemetery Saint Francis de Sales Seminary Woods Civic Center Historical Society Displays Nature Preserve - Nojoshing Trail (self guided)

**Send registration form and \$15 registration fee by June 30th to St. Francis Historical Society**

**Questions?** Contact St. Francis Historical Society at (414) 316-4391 or email: [st.francishistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:st.francishistoricalsociety@gmail.com)

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## **Registration Form**

**Mail to:** St. Francis Historical Society  
3400 E. Howard Ave.  
St. Francis, WI 53235

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**Checks should be made out to: St. Francis Historical Society**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization / Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Sandwich Selection** (circle one): Ham, Hard Salami, Turkey, Roast Beef, Tuna Salad, Egg Salad, Chicken Salad

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### **Presentations:**

**Historical Societies and Community Foundations – Working Together! Mark Maurice, Greater Milwaukee Foundation.** - Mark will discuss how historical societies can work closer with community foundations in order to strengthen our communities. Specific ideas will be shared regarding how to establish an endowment, how to apply for grants, and how you can reach out to the Foundation's donors.

**Finding Lost Graves - Ground-Penetrating Radar at a Pioneer Cemetery, Anna Passante, President & Randy Borland, Board Member, St. Francis Historical Society** - In July of 2017 more than 120 previously unknown possible burials were found at the Lake Protestant Cemetery with the help of a relatively new technology called Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR). The cemetery is located at the corner of Barland and Norwich avenues.

### **Tours:**

**St. Francis of Assisi Convent Chapel** - The St. Francis of Assisi Chapel was built in 1894-95 under the leadership of Mother Antoine Thren. Designed in the Gothic style, the chapel was criticized by neighboring priests who thought such a large structure was a waste of money. Hand-carved imported wooden altars, stained glass windows, and fine oil paintings decorate the chapel.

**Lake Protestant Cemetery** - Lake Protestant Cemetery is one of the oldest existing cemeteries in Milwaukee County. It is often referred to as the "Thompson Cemetery," "Town of Lake Cemetery," and sometimes "St. Francis Cemetery." It is situated on a 3/4 acre lot on land owned by former first settler Jared Thompson and was incorporated as a cemetery in 1855. Headstones from many local and prominent pioneer families are found here.

**Saint Francis de Sales Seminary Woods** - The Cardinal Muench Woods, on the southern end of the St. Francis Seminary became a natural retreat for reflection and recreation. In addition to various native flora and fauna, the woods includes a Seminary chapel, cemetery, and grotto.

**Civic Center Historical Society Displays** - The Society maintains 8 wall mounted display cabinets located in the Civic Center Rotunda that include artifacts and historical information regarding Town of Lake and the City. A mobile display cabinet, donated by the Zingara family provides unique, close-up access to history. At the Society's office, a window display allows showcasing seasonal displays.

**Self-Guided Tour: Nature Preserve - Nojoshing Trail** - The Nojoshing Trail is a protected grasslands area that follows the paths of access roads and foot paths on former electric company land. The trail is named Nojoshing, from a Chippewa Indian word (pronounced na-oshing) meaning a piece of land jutting out into a lake or river. There is a conscious effort to preserve the property, which is inhabited by rare plants and wildlife. Starting at the Civic Center, the trail extends west to Howard and Kinnickinnic avenues and east to Lake Drive. A branch also leads east from the Trestle Creek subdivision to South Packard Avenue and on into a city-owned portion of a wooded area that borders the Seminary Woods.