**Historic Main Street and Father Hennepin Park**

1. Begin at 3rd Avenue and Main Street South East

The Pillsbury A Mill
The Pillsbury A Mill was the largest flour milling operation at the falls and for a short time, the largest flour mill in the world. Built in 1881, the mill stood seven stories tall, cost half a million dollars, and produced four thousand barrels (one barrel = 60 pounds of flour) of flour a day. The last mill operating at the falls, it closed in 2003.

2. Facing North on Main Street, look to your left
St. Anthony Falls Laboratory
Located on Hennepin Island, the University of Minnesota’s Saint Anthony Falls Laboratory uses water from the Mississippi, which flows underneath the building, to conduct experiments. Construction started in 1936 and ended in 1939 with the help of the Works Progress Administration, Northern States Electric, and the city of Minneapolis. The building uses the foundation of the paper mill built on Hennepin Island in 1857.

3. Walk North on Main Street
Salisbury & Satterlee Company Complex
Salisbury and Satterlee built the five story red brick building (at 221 Main Street) in 1892 as part of their box spring and mattresses manufacturing business. They added onto it with a small two story addition in 1909 (201-205 Main Street). The Jefferson Company, which owns St. Anthony Main, bought the buildings in 1977 and renovated them.

4. Facing North on Main Street, look to your left (206 Main St)
Main Street Station
The Minnesota General Electric Company built this power station in 1894. Water produced a little less than half the electricity from the station. The building burned down in 1911 and was rebuilt. The plant stopped producing power in 1963.

5. Walk North on Main Street
Upton Block/Union Iron Works (129 Main St.)
This building is made of Minneapolis brick and first served as a hardware store for the Upton Brothers before they moved their store across the river. It housed various retail stores and a newspaper until the Union Iron Works bought it in 1879. The Iron Works produced machinery for the mills and remained in the Upton Block until 1930. The building became a warehouse until St. Anthony Main renovated it in 1985.

6. Walk North on Main Street. Stop at 117 Main Street
Pracna
Frank Pracna built this three-story building in 1890. He and his family lived in the upper floors of the building. Downstairs he ran a popular saloon for workmen at the falls until the onset of prohibition. In the following years, the building served as a warehouse and a machine shop until architect Peter Hall bought it and opened it as a restaurant in 1969.
7. Walk North on Main Street. Stop at 29 Main St.
Kronick Warehouse
After a fire destroyed the previous factory at this location, the Levin Brothers built a five story factory and warehouse in 1917. By the 1940s, the building was only a warehouse. However, by the 1960s, it had become home to a number of artists until the city bought and sold it to the Riverplace apartment complex, which added the glass and metal arched front.

8. Walk North to intersection of Merriam St. and Main St.
Look right
Our Lady of Lourdes
First Universalist Society finished construction on this church, built from the Platteville limestone of the falls, in 1857. Twenty years later, the Catholic French Canadian community purchased the building. The church is the longest operating church in the Minneapolis area.

9. Next to Our Lady of Lourdes at 25 Main St.
Brown-Ryan Livery Stable
Built in 1880, this stable was originally located at Second St. NE. However, the building was in the way of a high-rise project and the city moved it to this location in 1981. The entrance of the originally building does not face the street but faces the plaza shared by the entrance to Riverside Apartments.

10. Take a right on to Merriam and cross the Merriam Street Bridge
This Bridge was originally one of four trusses of a railroad bridge that crossed the Mississippi a mile upriver from Nicollet. In 1986, the bridge was demolished and this truss was floated downriver to its current location where it became a pedestrian bridge.

11. Walk West on Merriam St. On your left in big letters
Nicollet Island Stock Pavilion
This pavilion dates to 1892 and housed the William Bros Boiler Works. A fire destroyed it a year later, but it was rebuilt and added onto to form the Durkee-Atwood Complex. In 1983, the Parks Board purchased the complex and demolished most the buildings except for the pavilion. Director Brian Levant filmed part of Jingle All the Way, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger, here.

12. Continue west on Merriam St. On your left should be Bell of Two Friends
Ibarki, Japan, Minneapolis’s sister city, presented this twelve foot sculpture based on the design and shape of a 2,000 year old bell found in Ibarki in 2001 to honor their twenty year friendship.

10. Walk West on Merriam, on your right at 95 Merriam St.
Nicollet Island Inn
Built in 1893, this building was a sash, door, and blind manufacturing factory. In 1913, the Salvation Army bought the building and ran a men’s shelter in it for sixty years. They finally sold it to the Minneapolis Parks Board. The building fell into disrepair until developers bought it, fixed it up, and reopened it as a restaurant and inn.