

# *What was here in 1956?*



*On the right, what is now Grande Sunrise was Edstrom's Market, one of many small groceries in the neighborhood. Across 56th is Faith Lutheran Church, which is where the American Legion Post 99 is today.*

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*Across the street is Faith Lutheran Church, which is the American Legion Post 99 today. Kiddy corner was Edstrom's Market, which is currently Grande Sunrise!*

# *What was here in 1957?*



*This was the community Post office. You can see a service station to the left of the post office.*



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*On the right is a post office (later moved down 34th).  
Across the street you can see Zipp's Pharmacy (what is  
today Nokomis Shoe Shop), and the sign for the service  
station on the corner on the right.*





# *What was here in the 1990's?*



*Scandia Bake Shop was popular in the neighborhood and the space had housed other bakeries as well before becoming Sassy Spoon today! Mike's Bakery and Don's Bakery's once stood in this spot as well. Bob's Barber Shop can be seen on the corner, where it still is today!*

# *What was here in the 1990's?*



*The Gathering Grounds coffee shop not only served caffeine, but had music as well. Al Vento, Italian Restaurant served our neighborhood for years and today, we have Casa Maria! Next door was Fashion Galore Styling, which used to be the Cinderella Beauty Salon and today is Fantastic Sams.*



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*Looking down 34th Avenue you can see Rainbow Books and Crafts and The Fishing Hole that sold tropical fish and aquariums, this is where PaddleSculpt is today. The Tailor Shop and Scandia Bakery houses Sassy Spoon today. Before Scandia, it was Mike's Bakery and Before that, it was Don's. You can see Bob's Barber Shop where it still is today. Farther down the street you can see Skylane Bowling, the old bowling alley that is Town Hall Lanes today.*







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*You can see the colorful outside of Dr. Burn's  
Dentistry office. Next door was Nokomis  
Variety Shop where you could buy lots of  
different items.*

# *What was here in 1936?*



*This is Faith Lutheran Church. Eventually the church was changed over to the American Legion Post 99 that it is today.*





## ***What did this look like in 1954?***

***Did you know 34th  
had a streetcar? This  
picture was taken on  
the last day the street  
cars ran on 34th,  
before they were  
replaced by bus  
service. The streets  
used to be bricked.  
Many residents have  
these old bricks in  
their yard, taken as  
mementos of the  
street care era.***



# *What did this look like in the 1990's?*



*Town Hall Lanes was the home of Skylane Bowling for decades in our neighborhood. It opened around 1948, and you could bowl for .35 or .50 at different times throughout its run.*

*They had arcade games like Pac Man, Asteroids and Centipede. Skylane was also known for having the best Sloppy Joes around.*



*What did this look like in the 1950's?*



*What is now an apartment complex, was once the Paul Bunyan Drive-In. The huge fish on the roof let you know where to get great hamburgers to take home.*

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*The building that houses Nokomis Shoe Shop used to be Zipp's Pharmacy. Zipp's sold a variety of things, but had a soda fountain where you could get a Cherry Coke or Lemon Coke! You can see Nokomis Shoe Shop next to Zipp's in this photo, but this was not always the case. Before this, there was a Ben Franklin, know as the "dime store", a bakery, and the Teola Theater at the end. Nokomis Shoes was originally in an alley by Skylanes Bowling down the street before moving to its current building.*

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*This corner was always busy! This was the end of the Street Car line, which stopped and went the other way down 34th at this point. In the corner on the left, what is the Book Trader building used to be Soderlund's Grocery, owned by Bert and Dori Soderlund. In what is now Berry Street Kitchen's building was Airport Hardware which had a popular hobby store in the basement. Next door was Cloggie's bar. Across from Soderlund's grocer, was Mike's Pure Oil gas Station and kiddy corner was another station. At different times this station was Howies Mobil, Skelly Oil and Flannerys Mobil. Next to the Grocery was a shoe repair store.*





*The corner that holds Casa Maria has held a lot for this neighborhood. In this picture, you see the Nokomis Inn. This was a popular spot that served 3.2 beer and where regulars hung their mugs on the wall for when they came in. You could also play pinball and darts. Later it became the Gather Grounds Coffee Shop, and Al Vento Italian Restaurant before it held Casa Maria today!*

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*Next door you can see the Mug and Brush, a beloved barber shop and salon that existed in the neighborhood for decades. Today, Nokomis Surplus is housed in this building.*



*The building that now holds Bull's Horn has been a lot of things over the years. The corner has been a bar since 1935, eventually becoming the Sunrise Inn before it became Bull's Horn. This picture is from next door, where you can see a meat market specializing in Horse Meat from 1935-1946. Other businesses in this building have included clothing stores, a vacuum cleaner store, appliance store, travel agent, and beauty shop. The space where Freshly Cut is in has been a barber/salon space at various times since 1935.*







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