

March 25, 2018, Palm Sunday afternoon at 2:00PM the Burlington Route Historical Society and the Batavia Historical Society is presenting an overview of the history of the three RRs that served Batavia with 6 different lines. I will discuss the Burlington, Chicago and North Westerns and the Chicago, Aurora and Elgin lines in detail, along with an overview of Batavia's industries and the railroads recreation parks. Yes, Batavia was possibly the only town with two RR owned parks that literally brought thousands to town on summer weekends. All are welcome to attend. The BRHS will have our publications available, some of which have Batavia specific articles and also the CNWHS publication that contains my article on the history of the CNW line from Geneva to Aurora that served Batavia.

The presentation is open to all. Location is the Batavia City Council Chambers, 100 North island Ave., Batavia, IL.

Batavia's depot museum, less than two blocks from the presentation, will be open extended hours that day so participants can enjoy both the museum and the presentation.

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