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MWRD to offer tours of Lockport Powerhouse for Old Canal Days on June 14

Lockport's Old Canal Days will feature tours of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago's (MWRD's) Powerhouse in Lockport on Sat., June 14.

Built in 1907, the Powerhouse is listed on the Illinois Register of Historic Places. Even after 107 years, the Powerhouse enables the MWRD to regulate water levels on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal in order to prevent flooding while allowing for recreational and commercial navigation on the Chicago Area Waterway System. The Powerhouse also generates revenue and clean energy as one of only 12 hydroelectric plants operating in Illinois.

Parking is available at Heritage Village, 803 S. State St., in downtown Lockport. Complimentary buses will transport visitors on a first-come, first-served basis to the Powerhouse beginning at 10:30 a.m. The bus ride takes about 10 minutes, and tours will last approx. one hour. The last bus departs Heritage Village at 3 p.m. Additional information is available by calling 312-751-6633.



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