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Rededication of Lion Bridges at North Point Lighthouse in Lake Park **North and South Lion Bridges were restored and upgraded**

(Milwaukee, WI) Along with Milwaukee County Parks, The North Point Lighthouse Friends, Inc., and the Lake Park Friends are hosting a rededication event on Saturday, April 28 at North Point Lighthouse 2650 N Wahl Avenue. The public is invited to attend this free event, and join in the celebration of the restoration of these historic bridges. Be a part of the ceremony and witness the parade of conveyances through the passage of time – vintage bicycles (penny-farthings or “ordinaries”) and bikes (Harleys), horse and buggy, vintage cars, modern vehicles including Segway’s, parents with children in strollers and bikes crossing over the newly renovated bridges.

This park and these bridges were created in 1893 by Frederick Law Olmsted – who also designed Central Park and other amazing public parks throughout the US. He built Lake Park around what he termed the “crown jewel” of the park, North Point Lighthouse, which was erected in 1888 to serve the ships navigating on the Great Lakes and was instrumental in the growth of the City of Milwaukee.

- 11 am Rededication Ceremony followed by “ribbon cutting” and conveyances parade
- 12 noon Reception at Marcia Coles Community Room (beneath Lake Park Bistro, off Newberry Blvd)

Guests are invited to use the County Pavilion parking lot shared with Lake Park Bistro near Lake Park Golf Courses.

Funding for the restoration of these two bridges and the surrounding area was funded in partnership with Milwaukee County, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT).



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North Point Lighthouse Friends, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization, incorporated in January 2002. The establishment of our organization is the result of the cooperative efforts of Lake Park Friends, the Water Tower Landmark Trust, the Milwaukee County Parks Department and concerned community volunteers. Visitors are invited to enjoy the museum and climb the tower during public hours on Saturdays and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Admission fees are \$5 per person over 12 years of age, and \$3 for those 5-11 years old, and free under 5 years. Children must be 5 years old and over 38 inches tall to climb the tower. The lighthouse is also available for private events on a case-by-case basis. *The mission of the North Point Lighthouse Friends, Inc. is to preserve the North Point Light Station, to inspire appreciation of its importance in Wisconsin maritime history, and to promote its use consistent with the character of Lake Park and the surrounding neighborhood.* Tel: 414.332.6754 www.northpointlighthouse.org

Lake Park Friends was incorporated in 1996 and obtained 501© (3) not-for-profit status in 1997. Lake Park Friends' mission is to promote the preservation and enjoyment of Lake Park, to sponsor educational, recreational and cultural events in the park, and to raise funds for the restoration and enhancement of the park in the spirit of Frederick Law Olmsted. It serves as a model for many other Friends groups that have developed in recent years to protect Milwaukee County's Parks.

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