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on the Move

Local maritime news, events and history from the Chicago Maritime Museum

There is a lot to look forward to in 2021 at the Chicago Maritime Museum. Restoration work has progressed – the drywall has been replaced and painted, new carpet was installed in the office spaces, artifact storage areas are restored, and exhibits reinstalled in the north gallery.

“With these structural improvements and COVID-19 safety protocols in place, the museum is hoping to open mid-year,” says CMM treasurer Jerry Thomas. “We miss our patrons and look forward to meeting in-person again at the museum soon.”

Work still to be completed includes south storage area improvements and completion of the south gallery exhibits, restoration of the break and prep room and museum store, and replacement of museum furniture and doors.

The Bridgeport Art Center has made improvements to the building as well – stabilizing the creek bank and leveling the walking path.



Bubbly Creek Restoration Work Funded

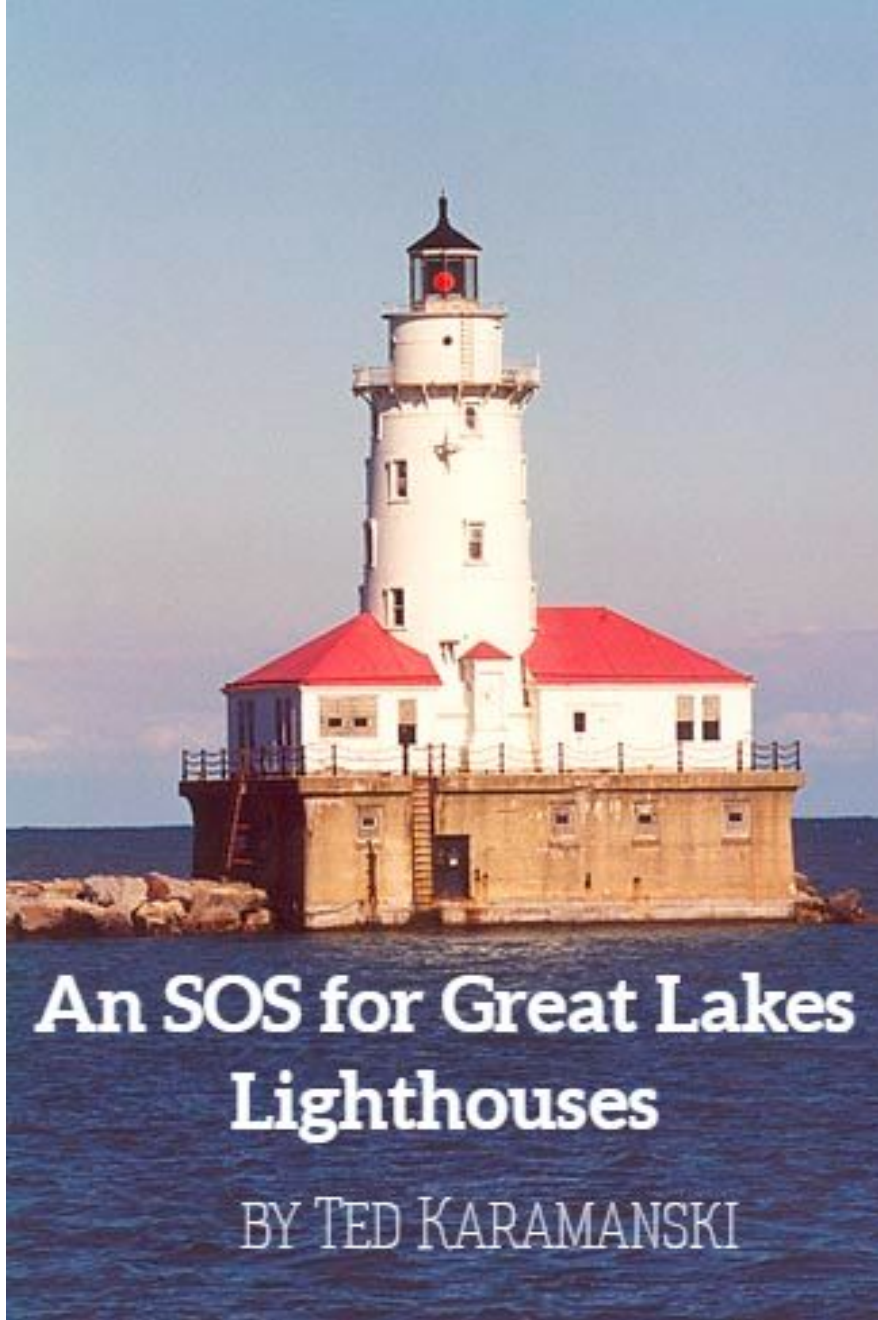


The efforts to restore the health of the South Fork of the South Branch of the Chicago River, known as Bubbly Creek, culminated in a major victory last month with the final adoption of the omnibus spending act in Washington. It includes \$11.6 million for restoration work to address the impacts of combined sewer overflows, sediments, and the loss of aquatic habitat on this vital reach of the Chicago River.

The act funds the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Bubbly Creek Integrated Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment Project, an important next step to restore healthy aquatic

and riparian habitats at Bubbly Creek to protect urban wildlife and migratory species that are under threat from the loss of habitat and the increasing effects of climate change.

In 2004, Friends of the Chicago River, the City of Chicago, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and other partners launched the Bubbly Creek Recovery Initiative to lay the foundation for investment in habitat functions, in-stream structure, and the planting of native plants in this reach of the Chicago River system.



An SOS for Great Lakes Lighthouses

BY TED KARAMANSKI

Long-time CMM volunteer calls for federal funding.
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**Great Lakes Advocates
Look for Biden Administration to
Take on Climate Change**



Advocates around the Great Lakes are looking ahead to what a new administration could mean for the Midwest, the region containing one of the world's largest freshwater sources.

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Prehistoric Human Remains Found at Sleeping Bear Dunes



For the first time in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore's history, human remains likely dating back to prehistoric times have been found within the park.

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Two Lost Civil War-Era Sailing Ships Discovered in Lake Huron



Two longtime friends and shipwreck enthusiasts, Joe Van Wagnen and Mark Gammage have discovered an intact schooner in Lake Huron that sunk less than a month after the Confederate Army fired on Fort Sumter on April 12th, 1861 signaling the start of the Civil War.

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S.S. Badger Car and Passenger Ferry Under New Ownership



Interlake Holding Company announced Wednesday, Dec. 30 that it had purchased the assets of the Lake Michigan Carferry Company and the Pere Marquette Shipping Company. The ship's mission as a car transport from Ludington to Manitowoc, Wisconsin will remain the same.

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Maritime Event Calendar

Check out local maritime events at the Chicago Maritime Museum website calendar page:

<https://www.chicagomaritimemuseum.org/events.html>

Submit maritime events in the Chicagoland area or story ideas to Mary Ann O'Rourke at maorourke58@gmail.com.

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