

## **Lunch and Learn @ the Bridgehouse Museum!**

Get the inside scoop on the Chicago River! Friends of the Chicago River is pleased to invite you to our second annual [lunchtime lecture series](#) at our [McCormick Bridgehouse & Chicago River Museum](#) beginning August 12.

This year our lectures examine the dramatic ways that people have impacted the Chicago River and its immediate environment. Feel free to bring your lunch!

Lectures are free with museum admission. [Insider Club](#) members enter free. To reserve your spot please call (312) 939-0490, ext. 23.



## **Shaping Nature**

*Thursday, August 12 at noon*

Dr. David Solzman explores how nature in the Chicago area was physically changed to accommodate the needs of a fast-growing metropolis. The lecture will be followed by a book signing.

## **Why Can't We Swim in the Chicago River?**

*Thursday, August 19 at noon*

John Quail examines the water quality issues facing the Chicago River today and what it would take to make the river swimmable again.

## **The Evolution of the Chicago Bascule Bridge**

*Thursday, September 16 at noon*

Jim Phillips will explore how the now-ubiquitous Chicago bascule evolved and why this is the predominant bridge style spanning the Chicago River.

## **A Closer Look at Asian Carp**

*Thursday, September 23 at noon*

Dr. Philip Willink closely examines this invasive species and the potential threat to the Chicago River system and the Great Lakes.