

You are invited to the

Celebration of the Lakes and Waters

Looking out to Pumping Station from 12th St. Beach

Friday, June 29, 2007
9:00 - 10:00 AM



Gathering on 12th Street Beach

Experience an event where the power of Human Kindness comes together as "One Community" to celebrate the extraordinary gift of Water, which is essential to our existence. This will be a celebration that bridges the business, faith, government, medical, education, recreational, and all public communities, while creating an awareness of the important connection water has on our environment and daily lives.

H2O Did you Know...?

The Great Lakes supply 95% of the fresh water consumed and used for the entire United States and is 20% of the Entire Planet's fresh water resource. The Great Lakes and their connecting channels form the largest fresh surface water system on the earth.



Our Great Lakes



Inspirational Lunch

Inspiration Flows

Inspiration for this grass roots event came during a simple lunch conversation with His Holiness, the Khamba Lama, Doctor Natsagdorj, (revered spiritual leader of the Mongolian people) during his last visit to Chicago in May of 2006. He requested to come back in 2007 to lead the way and integrate East/West, and Ancient/Contemporary thinking to create solutions for health and well being, through placing positive attention on our waters. The energy "Chi" began to flow and together with the Khamba Lama, clergy of other faith traditions along with public and private service leaders, will gather to express, by whatever manner is appropriate for their practice, a sense of gratitude for the gift of water which the lake represents.

Grow with the Flow to a Green Chicago

This event is an example of the "Spirit" that Chicagoans display in bringing the world together as ONE.



The gift of water in our present time – Resources and Simple Solutions


We will provide information, to those who attend about resources for further learning about water conservation, and practices that help to insure the health of the water that affect our lives.

Brief, Peaceful, and Powerful Celebration

Location: 12th Street Beach, on Northerly Island, just south of the Adler Planetarium.

Schedule: Early bird gathering - Yoga on the Beach at 7:30 a.m.

General gathering begins as early as 8:00 a.m. The "formal" part of the ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will include 8 speakers, from various faith traditions and businesses that utilize the Great Lakes, and some music.

 **The Khamba Lama will conclude the celebration with a Lake Blessing Ceremony in the Buddhist tradition.**

By 10:00 a.m. we will conclude.

Fee: No Charge - The gift of your Presence

Parking: \$15 cash - In the lot adjacent to the Adler Planetarium

Click here for a [Map](#) of the venue.



12th Street Beach Pavilion



Gratitude from Our Grass Roots Team

Since the Lama's request in 2006, many individuals have contributed their time and resources to this Celebration. We extend our gratitude to all, especially the core group which included individuals from **Ananda Ma Yoga, The Arch Diocese of Chicago, Blue Feather Books and Botanicals, Faith in Place (an interfaith environmental organization), Greg Christian Catering, Milmmour Inspirations, and the Shedd Aquarium.**