



Metropolitan Water Reclamation District *of* Greater Chicago

# Media Advisory

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## MWRD to participate in Chicago Housing Resource Fair

**Who:** Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development, 31st Ward Alderman Ray Suarez, the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD)

**What:** 2013 Housing Resource Fair

**When:** Saturday, June 8, 2013, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Where:** Falconer School, 3020 N. Lamon Ave., Chicago

Staff from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) will be participating in the 2013 Housing Resource Fair on Sat., June 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Falconer School, 3020 N. Lamon Ave., Chicago. The event is sponsored by the Chicago Department of Housing and Economic Development, 31st Ward Alderman Ray Suarez and the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association (HCBA).

The fair provides homeowners, first-time homebuyers, landlords and renters with information to help them make informed decisions regarding their housing needs. There are also opportunities to meet with lenders, HUD-certified housing agencies, developers, and government agency representatives. The MWRD will invite visitors to take a short water environment pledge for a chance to win a complimentary rain barrel. The pledge encourages residents to take simple actions to help improve water quality and prevent flooding.

“A person’s home is often their biggest investment, and MWRD must work with local government and homeowners to protect their homes from flooding,” said Commissioner Patrick D. Thompson, who is also a member of the HCBA Board. “With the change in weather patterns, we are experiencing more severe storms. By installing a rain barrel to capture and reuse stormwater, disconnecting downspouts, planting native plants and stormwater trees, homeowners can help reduce the amount of water that enters the sewer system which can cause basement backups when it rains.”

MWRD staff will also have a variety of literature and coloring books that describes the MWRD’s role in stormwater management, wastewater treatment and environmental protection.

Parking is available on the corner of North Lavergne and West Wellington. The school entrance can be accessed through door #8. Additional information about the MWRD can be found at [www.mwr.org](http://www.mwr.org).

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