



Capitol Region Watershed District to Host 20th Anniversary Celebration and Mississippi River of Iron Pour with Artist Tamsie Ringler on September 21

*Molten Iron will be Poured into Casting that Depicts the Mississippi River Watershed;
Artwork to be Displayed in CRWD's New Building*

Saint Paul, Minn. (September 14, 2018) – **Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD)** is celebrating its **20th anniversary** this month. On **Friday, September 21 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.**, the organization will host a community gathering with live music, artmaking, food and beverages, and a **Mississippi River of Iron pour** by noted sculptor **Tamsie Ringler**, who will create a casting of the Mississippi River watershed in a public performance pour. Once completed, the art piece will be displayed in CRWD's new building to honor the river's significance in the lives of residents and the work of the District. The finished piece will be 8 ½' x 12'.

The celebration will take place outdoors at 1736 Thomas Avenue, which is adjacent to the soon-to-be completed CRWD headquarters in the Midway neighborhood of Saint Paul. The evening will be filled with artmaking, live music by **Dan Rumsey** who will perform Folk and Blues tunes, delicious food from the **Foxy Falafel** food truck, beverages including gluten-free craft brews from **Burning Brothers Brewery**, and a brief program highlighting some of the District's longtime supporters and notable achievements including innovative projects and programs that have resulted in cleaner water resources for residents. The first 40 guests will have the chance to create their own design for casting in iron. Guests at the anniversary celebration will have the opportunity to tour the future CRWD headquarters building from a partitioned area where they can view work-in-progress. The event is free and open to the public but advance registration is required. Registration is at <https://capitolregion-20th-anniversary.eventbrite.com>.

"As Capitol Region Watershed District celebrates its 20th anniversary, I am proud of the achievements we've made in collaboration with our communities and partners to improve water quality in District lakes and the Mississippi River," said Mark Doneux, CRWD Administrator. "CRWD is the result of a small group of citizens taking action to protect Como Lake more than 20 years ago. Today, our work covers 40 square miles and includes Como Lake, Crosby Lake, and Loeb Lake and Lake McCarrons. Over the next 20 years, the District will continue working towards cleaner water through innovation and partnerships with our neighborhoods and communities."

Event Schedule:

- 5:00-6:00 p.m.** Social hour; guests create designs for casting in iron, tours of CRWD's building, food and beverages (tours at 5:00 and 5:30 p.m.)
- 6:00-6:30 p.m.** Anniversary program emceed by **CRWD Administrator Mark Doneux**. Guest speakers include:

- **Ramsey County Commissioner Toni Carter**
- **City of Saint Paul Council President Amy Brendmoen**
- **CRWD Citizen Advisory Committee Member David Arbeit**
- **CRWD Board President Joe Collins**
- **CRWD Board Vice President Mary Texer**
- **CRWD Board Secretary Seitu Jones**

7:15-9:00 p.m. Mississippi River of Iron pour, tours of CRWD's new building, live music, food and beverages will continue through this time (tours at 7:00 and 7:30 p.m.).

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About Capitol Region Watershed District

[CRWD](#), established in 1998, covers 40 square miles and includes portions of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Roseville and Saint Paul, protecting water sources such as Como Lake, Crosby Lake, Loeb Lake, Lake McCarrons and the Mississippi River. CRWD is governed by a five-member Board of Managers that work to protect, manage and improve the water resources of the District.

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