

CAMP RANDALL ROWING CLUB

Community Rowing in Partnership with MSCR



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For Immediate Release:

Historic Brittingham Boathouse On the Move

601 North Shore Drive

(Madison, WI) The historic Brittingham Park Boathouse is moving up the block. On Tuesday February 21 or Wednesday February 22, the entire structure will be lifted from its original foundation and rolled some 200 feet to its new foundation. The move is Phase One of a two-phase project to rehabilitate and preserve the oldest surviving Madison Parks building while restoring its original function as a boathouse.

The restored boathouse will serve as the home for the Camp Randall Rowing Club (CRRC), an organization of amateur rowers that spearheaded the preservation project in conjunction with the Madison Parks Foundation. Once completed, the Brittingham Park Boathouse will provide facilities for rowers to dress and train for competition, store their rowing shells, and house off-season training equipment. At present, CRRC members are conducting their winter training in the basement of the Hilldale Shopping Center.

The current phase of the project includes moving, straightening, and stabilizing the boathouse. New doors will be added to allow the 60-foot 8-person rowing shells to be stored indoors, rather than outdoors as they are today. The move is no simple matter: the length of the boathouse presents unique challenges, and the entire move will take approximately two days to complete.

Joe Trainor, construction manager for Daniels Construction, the project management firm, says he expects the move will be a big one, not only for the future boathouse, but also for the community because it will restore an historic landmark—one that has become an eyesore in recent years. The Brittingham Park Boathouse will be part of a new waterfront facility creating an attractive visual gateway for the people entering the city from John Nolen Drive.

Camp Randall Rowing Club was formed in 1995 to provide training and competition activities for amateur competitive rowers in the Madison area. The Club offers a range of programs for young people, college age, and elite rowers. The Club began fund-raising for the Brittingham Park Boathouse project in February 2001. To date nearly \$600,000 has been raised, including gifts from the following:

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