

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Ice Cream Social in Stillwater's Lowell Park January 23rd

Stillwater, Minn. - The Washington County Historical Society is bringing back, again, the ice cream socials of Stillwater's past. This year's ice cream social will have more flare, fire and ice cream than last years.

On January 23rd from 1pm to 4pm in South Lowell Park there will be ice cream cones, coffee and chili for anyone who wants to thumb their nose at old man winter and get outside and enjoy what Minnesota is made of.....namely ice, snow and the cold.

Back in 1950 Stillwater businessman Gib Larson of Snowland Foods as well as other business people held the first winter ice cream social up at the St. Croix Boom Site. Even though the temperatures were well below zero more than a thousand people came out and enjoyed the ice cream and the season.

The event was moved to Lowell Park the next year and later it moved to Lily Lake. The event was sponsored at that time by the Jaycees and eventually faded away like winter into springtime.

"This event brings together our history and the community," says Brent Peterson, Executive Director of the Washington County Historical Society. "What a great way to celebrate the place where we live and enjoy ice cream as well!!"

The ice cream, cones and chili will be provided by Leo's Grill and Alesci Furniture Gallery in downtown Stillwater and the coffee from the Supreme Bean Coffee Shop on North Main Street and also sponsored by the Water Street Inn of Stillwater.

There will be a bonfire going to keep the family warm and the St. Paul Saints Baseball team will also be on hand.

The event is free to the public and donations to the Washington County Historical Society will be accepted.

For more information please call the Historical Society at 651-439-5956 or visit www.wchsmn.org.

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