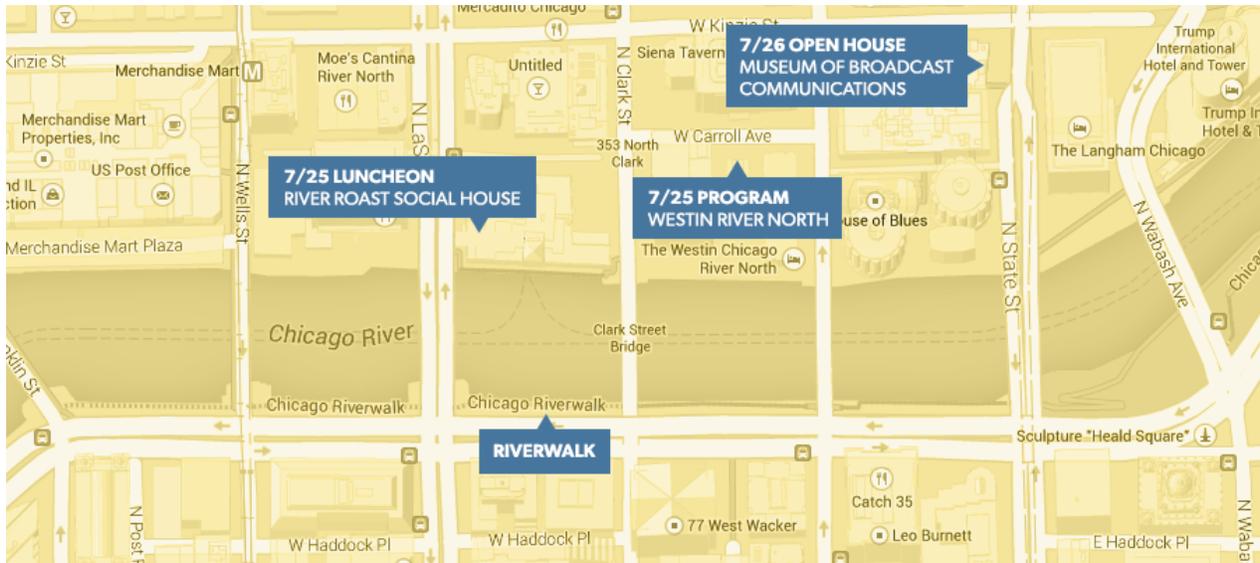




# EASTLAND DISASTER

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

100th Anniversary Commemoration • July 24-26, 2015  
*Weekend Event Details*



## FRIDAY, JULY 24

### 1-2 p.m. | Public Ceremony

#### Chicago Riverwalk (between LaSalle and Clark)

Attendees are invited to the new Chicago Riverwalk (the site where the *Eastland* capsized) to commemorate the thousands of people whose lives were affected by the *Eastland* Disaster. The ceremony is open to the public.

## SATURDAY, JULY 25

### 8:30-10:45 a.m. | Families Chicago River Cruise (breakfast *not* provided)

#### Chicago Riverwalk (between LaSalle and Clark)

Attendees will enjoy a 30-minute private cruise along the Chicago River courtesy of Wendella Boats, our tour partner since 2003. Boarding will take place at the exact location where passengers boarded the *Eastland* 100 years ago. The boat will head east down the Chicago River, following the route that the *Eastland* was scheduled to have taken on that fateful Saturday morning of July 24, 1915. The boat will reverse direction near the Chicago Harbor Lock before traveling west along the entire main branch of the Chicago River. Reversing direction once again, this time at the confluence at Wolf Point, the cruise will head east and end where it started – at the Chicago Riverwalk between LaSalle and Clark Streets.

### 11 a.m.-Noon | Public Ceremony

#### Chicago Riverwalk (between LaSalle and Clark)

The “formal” 100th commemoration ceremony will feature two very moving musical performances about the *Eastland* Disaster: a vintage song from 1915, and a contemporary work written within the past few years. Several keynote speakers (including dignitaries and families with a connection to the tragedy) will discuss the significance, relevance, and importance of the tragedy. A flower-laying memorial will conclude the respectful commemoration, with each person directly connected to the tragedy laying a white carnation into the Chicago River. The ceremony is open to the public. Reserved seating for EDHS members and those with tickets to the weekend.

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#### 12:30-1:30 p.m. | Families Luncheon

**River Roast Social House | 315 N. LaSalle St.**

Enjoy a delicious meal while gathering and socializing with hundreds of individuals and families who have a direct connection to the tragedy. River Roast is the perfect setting for this weekend as it is located in the Reid Murdoch Center. This building is historically significant to the *Eastland* Disaster as it was used during the rescue and recovery efforts: The 1<sup>st</sup> floor was used as a temporary hospital while the basement was used as a temporary morgue.

#### 2-5:30 p.m. | Connecting Families Program

**Westin Chicago River North, Grand Ballroom | 320 N. Dearborn St.**

A full slate for the afternoon that will include: an authors discussion; a new song about the *Eastland* Disaster being performed live for the first time; EDHS revealing answers to questions that have gone unanswered for 100 years; and several personal accounts/stories being shared. EDHS will also introduce its plans to preserve the history of the tragedy - and the legacies of the thousands of people affected by it - beyond the 100th. A water station and popcorn will be provided. There will be ample opportunity to network, mingle, and share stories with others. Authors will be available for one-on-one conversations, photo opportunities, and book and soundtrack signings.

#### 5:30 p.m. | Dinner Break (dinner not provided)

Enjoy the beautiful city of Chicago with your family and friends for dinner at a restaurant of your choice. The restaurants that have sponsored the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration Weekend all come highly recommended.

#### 8:30 p.m. | Sunset Ceremony and Concert

**Chicago Riverwalk (between LaSalle and Clark)**

Join us at the new Chicago Riverwalk for a very powerful ceremony. At 8:44 p.m., families with a connection to the tragedy will light 844 candles in memory of "The 844," as well as others whose lives intersected 100 years ago at the scene of the Disaster. Following the candlelight memorial, three songs will be performed from the Lookingglass Theatre Company's production of *Eastland: A New Musical*. The ceremony and concert are open to the public. Reserved seating for EDHS members and those with tickets to the weekend.

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### SUNDAY, JULY 26

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#### 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | Connecting Families Open House & Museum Tour (breakfast and lunch *not* provided)

**Museum of Broadcast Communications | 360 N. State St.**

The commemoration weekend comes to a close by bringing families together with personal connections to the tragedy. Families can share their stories and history, engage with other families, and speak with EDHS staff and board members. As a bonus, attendees will enjoy walking through the unique TV and radio galleries of the Museum of Broadcast Communications. Beverages (water and soda) will be provided.

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