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WaterFire Providence Announces Details for July 18th Full Lighting: A milestone celebration, A Ring of Fire, An Arts Festival Plaza and WaterFire's First Instagram Scavenger Hunt!

Providence, RI: WaterFire Providence is excited to announce the details for the full lighting on Saturday, July 18th, 2015. The full lighting is sponsored by Navigant Credit Union and Cox Business. Sunset is at 8:18 p.m. The fires will be lit shortly thereafter and burn until midnight.

WaterFire Providence is pleased to welcome Navigant Credit Union and celebrate their milestone anniversary of 100 years! A special Ring of Fire including 100 torches will kick off the ceremonies in Waterplace basin immediately following the lighting. "Navigant Credit Union has been around for a century. It's not hard to envision another 100 years of success, if we continue to treat our employees and members as family and give back to the communities we serve. Our partnership with WaterFire is one terrific way for us to celebrate with the entire community as we begin the Next 100." - Gary E. Furtado, President and CEO of Navigant Credit Union.

WaterFire Providence also welcomes back long time sponsor and community partner Cox Business, "Cox Business is proud to co-sponsor WaterFire for the 14th year in a row," said Ross L. Nelson, VP, Cox Business Northeast. "The lighting of the Providence riverfront is an exceptional cultural public event and a great catalyst for Rhode Island's economy."

WaterFire's 1st Instagram Scavenger Hunt: WaterFire Providence is happy to announce their first WaterFire Instagram Scavenger Hunt to take place 7/18 hosted by our Social Media Team! Get your camera phones ready to capture all the breathtaking views our events have to offer. Leading up to and throughout WaterFire we will be posting clues on our [Instagram](#) (@waterfireprov). All you have to do is, follow us, look out for clues, and snap a photo of what you think corresponds with the clue! Use #wfinstahuntjuly18 so we'll see you entries. Get more details on our [Tumblr](#).

Losing your charge after taking all of those pictures with your phone? Don't worry! Visit the National Grid charging stations on College Street (at the intersection of College and Main Streets) and Canal Street to recharge your smartphone and other mobile devices during the lighting.

Dunkin Donuts Returns to WaterFire: Quench your thirst with free samples of Dunkin Donuts' new line of cool and refreshing smoothies. Stop by the Dunkin Donuts location at the corner of Canal and Washington Streets.

[The WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza](#), in partnership with Bryce Studio, returns for the 2015 season. Located on both Washington Street and Steeple Street from 6:00 - 11:30 p.m., this outdoor artisan fair will showcase some of the great artwork created in Rhode Island in mediums such as glass, photography, sculpture, jewelry and more. The WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza will offer visitors the opportunity to purchase artwork by Rhode Island-based artists.

The Starry, Starry Night Installation will shine brightly in Memorial Park. Join thousands of WaterFire visitors in Memorial Park where the public is encouraged to add their own light to the night. For a small donation to WaterFire, make a wish upon a star or place your very own message and luminaria candle lantern in the park. The park will be aglow with hanging blue stars and a constellation of twinkling luminaria candle lanterns below.

WaterFire's favorite characters are back!

- Visit the living statues in Memorial Park at the World War I monument. [Ten31 Productions](#) returns with their interactive living statues and gargoyles in Memorial Park shortly after lighting.
- Fire Dancer Spogga Hash will dazzle the crowds during several performances throughout the evening at the confluence and on the wall of braziers in Memorial Park.
- Catch mime artist Michael Grando in costume as the Commedia dell'arte character Pierrot, as he cruises the river tossing carnations to visitors along the shore.

[Nursing Placement](#) the official first aid provider at WaterFire events will offer first aid care to the public at any time during the event. Additionally, the venue will serve as a meeting place for missing children and parents to reunite. The First Aid RV will be located on Washington Street and can be found on all WaterFire event maps. Nursing Placement will also be taking applications for new team members to help serve the RI population.

Upcoming WaterFire Providence dates for the 2015 season include July 18th, August 1th, August 15rd, August 29rd, September 12th, September 26th, October 3th and November 7th. WaterFire is still looking for additional community support to add more dates to the 2015 season to continue making Providence a better place to live, work and visit. For information about sponsoring or supporting WaterFire Providence, please contact Bronwyn Dannenfels, Director of Resource Development at 401-273-1155 or bronwyn@waterfire.org.

WaterFire is an independent, non-profit arts organization whose mission is to inspire Providence and its visitors by revitalizing the urban experience, fostering community engagement, and creatively transforming WaterFire for all to enjoy. The powerful work of art is installed on the three rivers of downtown Providence as a moving symbol of Providence's renaissance. To learn more about WaterFire or make a donation visit <http://waterfire.org> or <https://www.facebook.com/waterfireprovidence>.

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