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WaterFire Providence Announces Details of September 29th Fire Sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Rhode Island and Webster Bank

Providence, RI: WaterFire Providence is pleased to announce the details of the full fire lighting on Saturday, September 29, 2012. Sunset is at 6:32 PM. Fires will be lit at 6:52 PM and will remain lit until midnight. **This fire is sponsored by the Girl Scouts of Rhode Island and Webster Bank.**

WaterFire is proud to partner with the Girl Scouts of Rhode Island and celebrate 100 years of scouting! Join WaterFire on September 29th for a wide array of celebratory events in honor of this milestone anniversary. The GSRI will kick off the evening just before sunset with an inspiring “bridging ceremony” in Waterplace Park where 100 girls will cross the Bridge of Stars in the basin symbolizing their growth within the organization and in their own lives. Immediately following the lighting of WaterFire, witness 100 Girl Scouts leaders, alumnae, volunteers and girls, representing yesterday, today and the future as WaterFire and the GSRI present a very special ring of fire and pay tribute to the lives that have been affected by Girl Scouting!

Visit the Girls Scouts of RI special exhibit on Steeple Street: 5pm-10pm: Join the Girl Scouts all night long as they “camp out” on Steeple Street selling their famous Girl Scout cookies and sharing special exhibits highlighting the Girls Scout of RI, past, present and future.

Inspiring Luminaria Procession from Steeple Street to Memorial Park: 8:30pm. Starting at approximately 8:30 PM, 100 Girl Scouts will lead a luminaria procession to Memorial Park where their luminaria and dedications of hope, inspiration and dreams for the future will be placed around the signature Girl Scouts Trefoil and burn all night long. Join the Girl Scouts of RI as they light the way for future generations.

"Girl Scouts of Rhode Island is delighted to end its year-long celebration of 100 years of Girl Scouting by sponsoring WaterFire on Saturday, September 29. Through our ceremonies and exhibits that evening, we'll celebrate our past and usher in our next century of building girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. We look forward to showing all of Rhode Island and beyond the impact that Girl Scouting has had over the course of an entire century!"

-Jean McGrane, Girl Scouts of Rhode Island CEO

WaterFire is pleased to welcome back long-time supporter and season sponsor Webster Bank! For six consecutive years Webster Bank has been one of WaterFire's largest community sponsors and supporters and joins WaterFire on the 29th to celebrate another year of collaboration.

"Webster is pleased to return as a WaterFire season sponsor for the sixth consecutive year," said Bob Twomey, president of Webster's Rhode Island/Massachusetts region. "It is amazing to see how WaterFire continues to evolve and grow, bringing joy to hundreds of thousands of people from throughout Rhode Island and well beyond our borders."

The AT&T Scavenger Hunt is back! Join WaterFire and AT&T for the final installment of the AT&T Scavenger Hunt! Search the installation for any of the AT&T hot spots or the AT&T tent on Steeple Street and get started on your quest throughout WaterFire! Scan the QR code or text the keyword to get the clue for your next stop on the hunt. Those who finish will be entered to win a tablet from AT&T!

On September 29th, WaterFire will also welcome new Providence residents Brown University President Christina Paxson and her husband, Ari Gabinet as our featured guests for the lighting of Waterfire.

Other Events Happening at WaterFire on September 29th:

Join WaterFire in welcoming the Family Care Community Partnership as the carnation sponsor of the evening. Over 1,000 carnations will be handed out throughout the installation by FCCP volunteers and on the river by WaterFire's favorite mime Michael Grando, carrying the message of hope - "Take time to be a family". FCCP works with families to help prevent abuse and neglect and provide home and community based services using a wraparound approach to help to empower families to address their individual needs. The program is funded by DCYF and focuses on family voice and choice. Stop by their tent in Memorial Park receive fabulous gifts and learn more about the organization and all the great programs they offer.

First Works is taking over Kennedy Plaza all day with Festival on the Plaza from 4pm- 11pm. Stop by and check out all the great things that they've got going on right next to WaterFire including the aerial dancers of Bandaloop as they perform 30 stories above the ground. Dance the night away with the bhangra funk of Red Baraat and the sizzling rhythms of the Spanish Harlem Orchestra as they heat up the plaza with live Salsa music.

Also performing will be Nan Jombang as they share their performance art and Indonesian dance with the audience and the six piece art-rock Squonk Opera.

All of your WaterFire favorites will be there to help celebrate too so keep a look out for Spogga the fire spinner, the Origami Guy and the gargoyles from Ten31 Productions. Don't forget to donate at any of our ribbons of light stations for the chance to win a Dunkin' Donuts gift card by pulling a pink ribbon or the chance to be a WaterFire VIP by pulling a red ribbon. Winners will instantly be handed their prize!

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