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WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE ANNOUNCES DETAILS OF NEXT FULL LIGHTING SATURDAY, AUGUST 9:

National Grid and WaterFire Providence Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Providence Police Department with the Return of the Ever Popular WaterFire Ballroom!

PROVIDENCE, RI - (August 9, 2014) – **WaterFire Providence**, the award-winning sculpture by artist Barnaby Evans, announces the details of the next full lighting of the 2014 season, Saturday August 9th. The full lighting is sponsored by National Grid. Sunset on August 9th is a 7:55 PM, the fires will be lit shortly thereafter and will burn until midnight.

Power Up with National Grid! WaterFire Providence is excited to welcome back community partner, **National Grid** for its second year as a WaterFire season sponsor. National Grid delivers energy to the places where Rhode Islanders live, work, and play and they are once again proud to help shine a light on the rich cultural heritage of the Providence and Rhode Island community. “More than wires and pipes connect us to the Rhode Island communities we serve. We live, work, and play here and take pride in our involvement in events like WaterFire that bring out state and visitors together,” said Timothy F. Horan, President of National Grid Rhode Island. “National Grid is proud to sponsor the August 9th WaterFire lighting during the organization’s 20th year and celebrate, alongside our community leaders, the 150th anniversary of the Providence Police.”

Join National Grid on the Washington Street Bridge for a variety of interactive and educational energy efficiency demonstrations from 6:30PM – 11:00PM.

- Make sure you can capture the magic of WaterFire all evening long by visiting National Grid charging stations on Washington Street and Canal Street to recharge your smartphone and other mobile devices during the lighting.

- Learn about making your home more energy efficient with National Grid on Washington Street! With fun and interactive displays guests can learn about how much energy it takes to power a standard light bulb versus the newer, more energy efficient CFL bulbs.
- Every home has one, but what do you do with your old refrigerator when you get a replacement? Join National Grid on Washington Street to let your kids get creative with old refrigerators that are actually ok to decorate and while you learn about how to recycle one of the most common household appliances!

Celebrating 150 Years of Providence Police! WaterFire Providence is proud to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Providence Police Department and the men and women that remain ever vigilant in protecting our community making Providence a better place to live, work and visit. One hundred and fifty Providence Police officers and retired police officers will begin this very special WaterFire lighting with a 150 person Torch Promethea in Waterplace basin. Starting at 8:15 PM, these incredible members of our community will process into the basin led by the Providence Police Honor Guard and the Providence Police Pipes and Drums and will stand side by side with their fellow officers and family members lighting 150 torches, representing 150 years of service to the Providence community. Following this incredible display, the torch bearers, Pipes & Drums, Color Guard and a fleet of police vehicles and mounted patrol will make their way to the WaterFire Ballroom to kick off the biggest birthday celebration found in the City of Providence!

The WaterFire Providence Ballroom is Back at Turk's Head Plaza! WaterFire Providence is thrilled to announce that for the first time since 2012 the WaterFire Providence Ballroom is back! Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Providence Police Department, WaterFire Providence is pleased to bring back this crowd favorite featuring dance lessons, special celebrations recognizing the 150th year of the Providence Police, and incredible music that will make the Ballroom the place to be!

- 7:00PM – 8:00PM: Dance Lessons with [Providence Swings](#) and DJ Shawn McAedle
- 8:00PM – 9:10PM and 10:15PM – 11:20PM: [Roger Ceresi's All Starz!](#) WaterFire is pleased to welcome Roger Ceresi's All Starz for a double set and their 10th year of performing at WaterFire for some incredible rhythm and blues!
- 9:20PM- The Providence Police will arrive to kick off a birthday celebration like no other! Join us as we thank and celebrate 150 Years of the Providence Police!
- 9:30PM – 10:10PM and 11:30PM – 12:00PM: [Tony Cerbo](#) is a local Rhode Islander and nationally recognized crooner. Be sure to be on the dance floor as this local legend brings the Rat Pack back to life!

The Ignite Music Music Stage at WaterFire Providence on Steeple Street adds more music to the night! Presented by [Geico | Local Office](#) and [Fat Belly's Pub](#) and featuring [Jesus Andujar & Grupo Sazon](#), the Ignite Stage will bring even more music to the night! Since 2003 Rhode Island based, Jesus Andujar and his talented musicians have been producing authentic music from the Spanish Caribbean; Salsa, Merengue and Latin Jazz. Guests are invited to stop by to check out the music and grab a drink from Fat Belly's outdoor bar and take a photo with the Geico Gecko, and dance their socks off starting at 7:30 PM.

The WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza: 6:00PM- 10:00 PM Located on Washington Street in the heart of the WaterFire installation, the WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza is a showcase for local artists and crafts-people. From photography and sculpture, paintings and hand-crafted ceramics, to jewelry and specialty textiles, the WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza features a wide range of locally crafted artisan wares to exhibit for sale to WaterFire's visitors.

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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 www.waterfire.org or www.facebook.com/watefireprovidence.