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WaterFire Providence Announces a Full Lighting of WaterFire On Saturday, August 19, 2023

Supported by Cox Business and Cox Media in Celebration of Clear
Currents Community Paddling Night

Providence, RI WaterFire Providence announces a full lighting this Saturday, August 19, supported by [Cox Business](#) and [Cox Media](#). The lighting will begin at 7:40 p.m. and the braziers will remain lit until midnight. On shore programming will open at 6:30 p.m.

“Cox Business is proud to support another season of WaterFire which provides an amazing experience for guests, from near and far, and has a highly valuable impact on the local business community,” says Eddie Jenkins, Vice President, Cox Business.

The August 19th WaterFire will celebrate Clear Currents, the community paddling event that celebrates improved water quality in RI. Clear Currents features close to 65 illuminated Japanese koi fish temporarily mounted on kayaks that registered participants will paddle up and down the river after sunset. The brightly colored fish beautifully complement the 80 wood-burning braziers installed on the river. Clear Currents celebrates the cleaner water that led to the opening of the Narragansett Bay Commission’s Combined Sewer Overflow; an initiative that has greatly improved water quality throughout the entire bay area over the past few years.

The WaterFire Arts Festival Plaza kicks off Washington Street and Steeple Street from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. where visitors can browse and shop from a variety of local artists and makers in mediums such as glass, photography, jewelry, and more. This outdoor artisan fair will showcase some of the great artwork created in Rhode Island and offer visitors the opportunity to support the local arts economy by purchasing work by Rhode Island-based artists.

On Washington Street, visitors can explore Recycled SilverWear, [Deb Hickey Photography and Collage](#), [Maeven in Me](#), [Jessie Jewels Art](#), [Moonlight Jewelry](#), [Sophie Foulkes](#), [Into the Woods](#), [Land and Seaglass](#), [Odettas](#), [K&T Jewelry And Accessories](#), and [Adelante Shoe Co.](#) On Steeple Street: [Amber N Crystals](#), [Stone Soup](#), [UncouthCurations](#), [Roses N Dragons Designs](#), [Revibed Vinyl](#), [All Things Lavender](#), [The Roving House](#), [Casted By T](#), [Broken Arrow Studios](#), [Eric Sturtevant Illustrations](#), [Sunu Body](#), [Sparkle&Glow By Yvonne](#), and [Boojie Lolli](#).

Steeple Street Music Stage will feature local musical act, [Dan Mach-Holt and The Hang](#). There will be three sets throughout the night, at 8 p.m., 9 p.m., and 10 p.m.

WaterFire Marketplace will return to Canal Street, stop by to support WaterFire with a donation or a purchase of locally designed apparel, glassware, books, and gifts. Make a quick and easy donation with the DipJar and glass blowing by [Gather Glass](#). WaterFire will also have additional ambassador and merchandisestations in front of the RISD Auditorium, and both sides of the basin in Waterplace Park.

The Brazier Society is back for the season and will be located in Market Square. This year's Official Brazier Society Sponsors are [Fire Works Catering](#), [McLaughlin & Moran](#), [Gooseneck Vineyards](#), and [Golden Gate Studios](#).

[Andrew Anselmo](#), Origami Master will be hanging out all night at Market Square and visitors can find [A Silent Soapbox](#) living statue at the bottom of Washington Street Bridge and Canal Walk starting at sunset. [Ten31 Productions](#) will be illuminating the World War Monument in Memorial Park.

The Starry, Starry Night installation returns to Memorial Park near the Crawford Street Bridge; [add your light to the night](#) by wishing on a star or dedicate a luminaria candle lantern.

Food fairs will be open on Washington Street, College Street, and Canal Walk. Enjoy local food from festival favorites. On Washington Street: [Kettle Korn Express](#), [One2Taco&More](#), [Full House Q](#), [Saugy's](#), [The Incredabowl Food Company](#), Scoop T's Ice Cream. On Canal Street: [Gong Cha](#), [Del's Lemonade](#). On College Street: [Vegan Suga](#), [Pita Pocket](#), [Spanglish](#), [Pam's Grill on the Go](#), [FireWorks Catering](#), and Sal's.

[Trinity Brewhouse](#) will have two locations, one on the corner of Canal and Steeple Street, and the other on the corner of Canal and Washington Street. They will be serving up local brews and wine from 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m..

Catch three fire-spinning performances beginning at 8:15 p.m. and continuing at 9:15 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. by [Cirque de Light](#).

WaterFire Providence thanks our generous supporters for helping to make this season possible. Details of the season schedule will be posted on the WaterFire Providence website at <https://waterfire.org/schedule>. Additional events may be added to the schedule as funding becomes available.

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objectives,” says Ed Cabral, manager of sponsorships and corporate relations. Contact ed@waterfire.org for more information regarding opportunities in 2023 and 2024.

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