

WATERFIRE PROVIDENCE

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WaterFire Providence Announces *A Light In Every Town*

A Campaign to Have a Volunteer Representative from all 39 Cities and Towns in Rhode Island

Providence, RI WaterFire Providence announces *A Light In Every Town*, a campaign to connect communities across Rhode Island through the power of volunteerism. Presently, WaterFire boasts volunteers hailing from 35 out of Rhode Island's 39 towns, as well as dedicated individuals from neighboring states, including Maine, Connecticut, and New Hampshire. WaterFire is currently seeking volunteers from four of the remaining cities and towns to achieve full representation. The municipalities include Charlestown, New Shoreham (Block Island), North Smithfield, and Richmond.

"The community spirit imbued in the production of each WaterFire lighting and all of our programming at the WaterFire Arts Center is a testament to Rhode Island's unity, with volunteers and supporters representing every corner of our state. Our diverse volunteer team demonstrates that WaterFire truly belongs to all Rhode Islanders, fostering a sense of togetherness. Together, we illuminate the spirit of our state, inviting everyone to be a part of this unique experience," says Peter A. Mello, Managing Director + coCEO of WaterFire Providence.

Volunteering with WaterFire is a flexible and rewarding experience for volunteers of all ages, offering opportunities during the week, and a choice between volunteering at the WaterFire Arts Center or at WaterFire lightings. Volunteer roles encompass a wide range of activities, including feeding fires, serving as gallery docents, participating in woodpile workouts, and engaging with visitors from around the globe.

To become part of this extraordinary artistic journey and proudly represent your town, interested individuals can sign up as volunteers at volunteer.waterfire.org. By joining, you'll not only contribute to the legacy of an iconic Rhode Island tradition but also forge deeper connections within your community. There are currently two full WaterFire lightings left in the 2023 season; Saturday, October 14, and Saturday, November 4.

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Date: Monday, August 28, 2023

WaterFire Providence Announces a Partial Lighting on Saturday, September 2

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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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About WaterFire Providence

WaterFire Providence® is an independent, 501(c)3 non-profit arts organization whose mission is to inspire Providence and its visitors by revitalizing the urban experience, fostering community engagement, and creatively transforming the city by presenting WaterFire for all to enjoy. Each year nearly 1 million people come to downtown Providence to experience WaterFire contributing over \$149,000,000 to the local economy, generating over \$9,000,000 of direct tax revenue for the State of Rhode Island and supporting 1,294 jobs for community residents and strengthening Providence's Creative Capital and Rhode Island's State for the Arts brands. For information about WaterFire Providence and the WaterFire Arts Center visit <https://waterfire.org/>.