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WaterFire Providence Announces a Partial Lighting in the Basin of Waterplace Park in Honor of the Army-Navy Game on Friday, December 8 Supported by General Dynamics Electric Boat and BuildSubmarines.com

Providence, RI WaterFire Providence announces a partial lighting in the basin of Waterplace Park on Friday, December 8 in honor of the 124th Army-Navy Game happening at Gillette Stadium, supported by [General Dynamics Electric Boat](#) with additional support by [BuildSubmarines.com](#) and the site's owners, BlueForge Alliance. The lighting will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the fires will burn until 9:00 p.m.

"As the largest manufacturer in Rhode Island, Electric Boat is proud to support WaterFire and its honoring of the U.S. Naval Academy's midshipmen on the eve of their annual game against Army," said Kevin Graney, president of General Dynamics Electric Boat. "These men and women have chosen to wear the cloth of our nation and dedicate themselves to serving the United States as future leaders in our Navy. We join the people of the Ocean State to welcome them to the City of Providence. We hope they and their families have a wonderful evening and encourage the community to turn out and show their appreciation on this special night."

Providence, Rhode Island will be hosting nearly 700 Navy midshipmen from the U.S Naval Academy the weekend of the 124th Army Navy Game. There will be a schedule of activities going on throughout the weekend of December 8-10, for more information visit [ArmyNavyPVD.com](#).

"The Army-Navy Game coming to New England brings a huge opportunity for Providence to attract visitors from all over the globe," said Kristen Adamo, president and CEO of the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau. "We know that Providence is a convenient

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place to stay to be close to Gillette Stadium, and now, guests get to experience some of our city's top attractions while they're here. From our world-class dining to family-friendly entertainment and activities – and now an iconic WaterFire lighting – visitors will have plenty to do before and after game day. I am grateful to work with the Gillette team and our partners like WaterFire Providence, the Amica Mutual Pavilion, Rhode Island Convention Center and more to make this happen and offer incredible programming throughout the weekend, especially to inject tourism dollars into our economy during what is typically a slower period. We encourage guests from near and far to book a hotel and enjoy this historic weekend with us.”

In honor of the Army Navy Game happening at Gillette Stadium, WaterFire will have a special American Flag installation surrounding Waterplace Park as well as a *Bridge of Stars* illuminated in red, white, and blue.

There will be a WaterFire Merchandise & Ambassador station in the basin in Waterplace Park, stop by to support WaterFire with a donation or a purchase of locally designed apparel and gifts. Make a quick and easy donation with the DipJar and receive a Ribbon of Light.

Catch three fire spinning performances by [Cirque De Light](#) at 6 p.m., 7 p.m., and 8 p.m.

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

WaterFire Providence 2023 Season Supporters

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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/>.