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WaterFire Providence Announces Additional Details for *A Holiday Celebration at WaterFire*

A Special Partial Lighting in the Basin of Waterplace Park during Three Nights of Lights

Providence, RI WaterFire Providence announces *A Holiday Celebration at WaterFire*, a basin lighting happening in Waterplace Park on Saturday, December 2 City of Providence, the [Providence Warwick Convention & Visitor's Bureau](#), and [Rhode Island Commerce](#) in partnership with [The Avenue Concept](#), [FirstWorks](#), and WaterFire Providence. This event is a part of Providence's [Three Nights of Lights](#) event series presented by the City of Providence, the [Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau](#), and Rhode Island Commerce. The fires will be lit at 5:30 p.m. and will burn until 9:00 p.m.

"WaterFire showcases the cultural diversity in our great state while also contributing to the overall economic health of our local community," said Rhode Island Commerce Secretary Liz Tanner. "Rhode Island Commerce is proud to support this special WaterFire lighting, especially during a time of the year when so many of our small businesses and vendors rely on these events to attract visitors and shoppers."

Waterplace Park will transform into a holiday wonderland thanks to [Stanley Tree Service, Inc.](#) who have donated 21 Christmas trees that will circle the basin of the river, including the 20ft tree that will be prominently displayed front and center on the stage. Each tree will be fully decorated with hand-made ornaments made by local Rhode Island schools. After the event, Stanley Tree will collect the trees and donate them to local families in need.

Santa Claus will be making a grand appearance on a WaterFire boat and will be available for photos in Santa's Village on the stage in Waterplace Park.

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Ballet RI will be making a special appearance during the lighting; catch The Nutcracker and The Mouse King mingling through the crowds.

WaterFire will be hosting a [Holiday Toy Drive](#) benefiting The Providence Center's Anchor Recovery program as well. WaterFire-goers are encouraged to bring a new unwrapped toy and drop it in one of our collection boxes in the basin. One will be on the stage next to Santa, with the other two at WaterFire's Ambassador Stations. These toys will be wrapped and then distributed by Santa during their annual Cookies with Santa event. This event brings the community together and gives many a chance to experience for the first time, the joy of a holiday celebration and the spirit of giving. The Providence Center and Anchor Recovery have programs for families with kids as well as an entire program for teens; donations of toys, games, and gifts for kids of all ages are deeply appreciated.

Finish last minute Holiday shopping by stopping at the Artist Village located in basin of Waterplace Park below Skyline at Waterplace. Shop from six local artists: [Roses N Dragons Designs](#), [Broken Arrow Studios](#), [Ecuador to Your Door](#), [Mike Cohea / Visuals](#), and [Odettas](#).

Food fairs will open at 5:30 p.m. on Finance Way, choose from three local vendors: [Incredibowl](#), [One Two Taco + More](#), and [Pam's Grille on the Go](#).

A Silent Soapbox's Holiday Fairy will be visiting Waterplace Park from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

WaterFire Providence 2023 Season Supporters

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