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New! Outside with a Guide

Audubon Small-group Private Tours
*Audubon Nature Center and Aquarium,
Bristol, RI*

**Offered Wednesdays and Fridays
through August 2026.**

Bring friends and family to explore the great outdoors with your own Audubon guide! Marvel at an owl or hawk in a close-up encounter, discover life on the wildlife refuge, buzz through blossoms in the pollinator garden, and explore marine life in the aquarium. Come wander and wonder with a naturalist at your own pace!

Includes close-up Encounter with a Hawk or Owl!

Book early at asri.org/nature-center.



WOONASQUATUCKET RIVER
WATERSHED COUNCIL

Volunteer Rail Painting on the Woonasquatucket River Greenway

WRWC invites volunteers to help beautify and paint railings along the newly completed Promenade and Kinsley section of the Woonasquatucket River Greenway. Each event is led by our River Ranger team, the Greenway maintenance crew.

**Location: Kinsley Avenue Boat Launch
~504 Kinsley Avenue,
Providence, RI 02909**

Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Dates: Wednesdays June 3 and June 10
Please dress for outdoor work with sun protection, long pants, and closed toe shoes. Feel free to bring water and a snack. All tools and equipment will be provided. **Come lend a hand, meet your neighbors, and help care for the Woonasquatucket River. [Register Here!](#)**

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Notable Works' Book Release Celebration@William Hall

Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV, published by Notable Works, will be officially launched at a special community celebration on **Saturday, June 27, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the William Hall Library Auditorium, 1825 Broad Street, Cranston, RI**. Join us for this free event featuring a dynamic presentation by **Sara Sampieri Horvet**, Stormwater Outreach and Engagement Program Manager. Attendees will also enjoy the premiere of Notable Works' latest video, "**Building Innovative Bridges for Tomorrow**," produced by **Maria Bilyeu**. The video highlights the impactful work of the Stormwater Innovation Center, focusing on smart stormwater management, innovative educational outreach, and collaborative efforts to improve water quality across Rhode Island.

Meet many of the gifted poets and artists who contributed to this publication, including the featured poets **Christopher Gaynor, Kate Hamilton, Theresa Hickey, Janet D. Johnson, Peg Paolino, and Sherri Stepakoff**. Enjoy the debut performance of the original song "**A Walk in the Park**," by singer-songwriter **Mary Zema**, accompanied by the **Notable Works' Ensemble**, honoring the efforts of the Stormwater Innovation Center. You will also have the opportunity to meet the book's designer, **Mary Ann Rossoni** of **Second Story Graphics**, and cover artist **Ann Rozhon**, both of whom will be available to discuss their creative process. And don't miss the chance to connect with the book's editor, **Noreen Inglesi**, composer, poet, and **Notable Works' Artist in Residence**. This event includes an open mic session hosted by our Poetry Ambassador, **Carol Anderheggen**.

After the program, enjoy complimentary refreshments generously provided by local businesses, including **Antonio's Bakery, DePetrillo's Pizza and Bakery, Shaw's, and Stop & Shops** of Cranston and Warwick. This event is hosted by the **Cranston Public Library** and is part of the collaborative project *Building Innovative Bridges for Tomorrow*, a partnership between Notable Works and the Stormwater Innovation Center. This project and event was made possible in part by a grant from the **Rhode Island State Council on the Arts**, through an appropriation by the Rhode Island General Assembly and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Can't join us for the launch? *Voices of the Earth: The Future of Our Planet IV* is available as both an eBook (artworks in color) and paperback on Notable Works' website: www.notableworks.org

JT OWENS CLEAN UP
June 13th (Raindate June 14)
Start at 11AM
Stormwater Innovation Center and Providence Parks Dept. is joining Litter-Free Rhode Island and taking the pledge to help remove litter for a healthier environment.

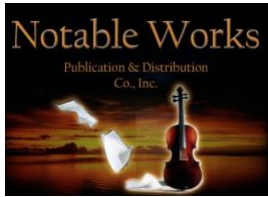
Scan QR Code To Register

Community Clean-Up at J.T. Owens Park

June 13th 11am-12:30pm
350 Niantic Ave, Prov., RI 02910
Meet in the back area near the pond

Click the link below to sign up:

[Bloomerang Volunteer -
Community Clean-Up at
J.T. Owens Park](#)



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Nuestros Bosques Forest Care Days

[Register for updates and locations.](#)

Join us for **Nuestros Bosques Forest Care Days**, a series of community volunteer days dedicated to caring for neighborhood trees and green spaces in Providence.

Throughout the season, we'll travel to different sites across **02909 and 02908** to support the health of our growing urban forest. These gatherings bring neighbors together to care for the trees that shade our streets, cool our neighborhoods, and make our communities stronger.

Volunteer tasks will vary by location and need. Together we may remove invasive plants, pick up litter, water young trees, spread mulch, and help maintain the spaces where our trees grow. These days are also designed to be **family-friendly**, with activities for kids and opportunities for everyone to get involved.

Nuestros Bosques Forest Care Days are about more than just tree care—they're about building community. Sometimes we're working hard, and sometimes we're just vibing: giving back, sharing food, and celebrating with neighbors.

Events are **free, bilingual (Spanish and English), and open to everyone**. Food will be available, and all tools and supplies will be provided.

Please dress for outdoor work, including comfortable clothes, closed-toe shoes, and sun protection. Bring water and anything else you need to stay comfortable.

Register to receive **location details and event updates**.

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Dates: June 6 (Rain Date June 7)

July 11 (Rain Date July 12)

August 1 (Rain Date August 2)

September 12 (Rain Date September 13)

October 3 (Rain Date October 4)

Come help care for our neighborhood forest and grow something meaningful together. **For other WRWC events visit:** www.wrwc.org/events

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way to fight
climate
change might
be sitting in
your
kitchen bin



Homeowner or renter – you can compost too.

Join the Bristol, Barrington and Newport
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Mighty Things Are Growing...

Rhode Island Land Trust Council Annual Meeting

22 June, 2026
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Tower Hill Brewing
25 Village Sq. Dr.
South Kingstown, RI 02879

\$65 General Admission
(includes refreshments and a drink ticket)

Remember!
Members attend for
free, is your
membership up to
date?



To register click the link below:

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BARRINGTON LAND
CONSERVATION TRUST
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 7, 1 pm – Summer History Walk at Johannis Farm Wildlife Preserve. Johannis Farm Wildlife Preserve is home to one of the earliest brickmaking operations in the region and was a working farm for many years. This preserve is not generally open to the public due to DEM easements relating to rare plants found on the property. The Land Trust offers tours several times a year on this 32-acre expanse of field, forest and saltmarsh.

Barrington Land Conservation Trust’s Learning Series

What’s the Buzz on RI’s Native Bees?

BARRINGTON, RI – Do you know how many bees are native to Rhode Island? Are we doing enough to help them thrive in the landscape? Take a deep dive into the world of native bees with **Casey Johnson**, Research Associate with the University of Rhode Island Bee Lab, on **Monday, June 8, at 6 pm** in the **Salem Family Auditorium at the Barrington Public Library**.

This free event is part of the Barrington Land Conservation Trust’s Learning Series, held in partnership with the Library. The Learning Series is made possible by Guinness Financial Services, BankNewport, Prickly Ed’s Cactus Patch Native Plant Emporium, and other local sponsors.

The event will begin with a brief annual meeting of the Land Trust at **6 pm**, followed immediately by Casey Johnson’s presentation at **6:30 pm**. The program is free and open to the public. You do not need to be a Land Trust member to attend. Register at www.blct.org/events



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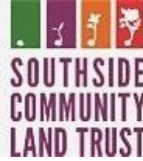
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60 Minutes

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<https://youtu.be/Bl61tzR32sE?si=ErOmUJ68gRFyv4wv>



On April 25, **Southside Community Land Trust** partnered with **15 Minute Field Trips** and the **Rhode Island Natural History Survey** for the first session of a three-part 2026 BioBlitz series, a community science effort to document the living things that share space at City Farm in South Providence. Teams of all ages fanned out across the three-quarter acre farm alongside local naturalists to survey birds, mammals, insects, plants, and fungi, logging 223 observations and turning up everything from DeKay's Brownsnakes and Two-spotted Bumble Bees to Eastern Carpenter Bees, Wild Asparagus, and a Lumpy Bracket fungus. And we're just getting started! Two more sessions are coming up this summer and fall, on July 25 and October 4, from 9am to 12pm at City Farm, 168 West Clifford Street, Providence. Citizen scientists are invited to join a team, explore the farm, and help us build a living portrait of the biodiversity thriving in our own backyard. No experience necessary. Register at bit.ly/CFBioblitz.

City Farm Bioblitz

APRIL 25TH

JULY 25TH*

OCTOBER 4TH

9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

***RAINDATE AUG. 1ST**

Join a team to see
what animals,
plants, and fungi
live here!

SIGN UP HERE:

Contact Us:
15minutefieldtrips@gmail.com

The Idea

By Fabian Torres

Starts with one idea,
This idea inspires others,
Small ideas help too,
This idea might be,
Plant a tree or recycle,
More ways to help are,
Support the government,
Such as the Act on Climate,
Bills will help change laws,
Any age can help,
You can still share your voices,
Support your beliefs,
Influence others,
Change can happen because it,
starts with one idea.



Lend Your Hand

By Carol Anderheggen

Mother nature nurtured each of us
Giving rain when needed, sunshine when needed
Grows our food, sends solace in the swells
Of the waterways, sends the sweet
And gentle waves to our beach days—

Yet often, too often, we take her pulsating energy
For granted, refusing to see that she suffers
From climbing temperatures, dwindling waters,
Smoke laden skies, rising tides,
Human denial and devilish disdain.

Yet, she sees the many hands who help
Despite despairing, despite derision
Of Mother Earth's suffering. Do not be
Dissuaded by the naysayers
Lend a hand, always lend your hand...

Excerpt of Lyrics from Song "Lend a Hand"

By Noreen Inglesi

Verse 1

Lend a hand to your neighbor
a smile to a friend.
Bask in the glory
and never let it end.
Time is such a treasure
taken for granted
like summer nights and whispering winds
whirling in a star filled sky

Verse 2

Lend a hand
To build bridges for all to cross.
Let's work together or all will be lost.
Time is so precious
This is the moment
For joining hands will make us strong
Lead us to a brand-new day.

Click the link below and then click the play arrow to listen to the song in its entirety

[https://on.soundcloud.com/Noreen-Inglesi-Lend A Hand](https://on.soundcloud.com/Noreen-Inglesi-Lend-A-Hand)

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Greetings, Creatives and Supporters! The next Words on Fire Open Mic takes place from 6:00-7:30 PM on Wednesday, June 3rd in the William Hall Library Auditorium. If you haven't yet signed up to read and/or watch, there's still space available! [More information and registration are available on our website.](#) We hope to see you there!



**WRITING, ART AND
MOVEMENT –
ENCHANTED FOREST**

Wednesday: July 1st 9AM to 12PM at Browning Mill Pond.

Join us for a morning of inspiration, creativity, and connection as participants explore writing, art, and movement in a beautiful natural setting. Only \$25 for educators and free for teacher candidates.



Click this link to register:

<https://www.ric.edu/visitors-arts-events/events/writing-art-and-movement-enchanted-forest>