

NARROW RIVER NOTES

Narrow River Preservation Association: Protecting, Preserving and Restoring the Narrow River Watershed Since 1970 / August 2020

NRPA Struggles Through Pandemic

After an exciting start to NRPA's 50th Anniversary year, NRPA has cancelled or modified our many fundraisers and educational events.

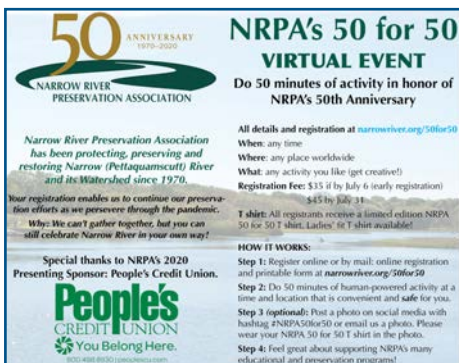
In January, NRPA was honored with the Community Service Award from the Narragansett Chamber of Commerce. Shortly after, we kicked off our 50th Anniversary year with an On Pettaquamscutt presentation reviewing 50 years of NRPA's history and a Kickoff Celebration at Trio restaurant.

Our water monitoring program, River Watch, started a few weeks later than usual, but our 29th season of water monitoring and testing is under way. A recent grant from Ocean State Charities Trust enabled us to purchase new water quality testing supplies, replacing 29 year old equipment!

Although all of our spring events were cancelled, we launched our first ever virtual event: **NRPA's 50 for 50 - do 50 minutes of activity in honor of NRPA's 50th Anniversary!**

Narrow River Kayaks is hosting a modified version of the 13th Annual Pettaquamscutt Paddle and we are so grateful for their continued support.

Please consider donating to NRPA at this difficult time. We are dedicated to protecting, preserving and restoring the Narrow (Pettaquamscutt) River and need your support now more than ever.



50 ANNIVERSARY 1970-2020
NARROW RIVER PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

NRPA's 50 for 50 VIRTUAL EVENT
Do 50 minutes of activity in honor of NRPA's 50th Anniversary

All details and registration at narrowriver.org/50for50

When: any time
Where: any place worldwide
What: any activity you like (get creative!)
Registration Fee: \$35 if by July 6 (early registration) \$45 by July 31

1 shirt: All registrants receive a limited edition NRPA 50 for 50 T shirt. Ladies' & T shirt available!

HOW IT WORKS:
Step 1: Register online or by mail: online registration and printable form at narrowriver.org/50for50
Step 2: Do 50 minutes of human-powered activity at a time and location that is convenient and safe for you.
Step 3 (optional): Post a photo on social media with hashtag #NRPA50for50 or email us a photo. Please wear your NRPA 50 for 50 T shirt in the photo.
Step 4: Feel great about supporting NRPA's many educational and preservation programs!

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NRPA's 50 for 50 virtual event flyer.

Osprey Webcam Brings Joy

The osprey webcam launched in March has brought hours of joy and education to thousands of viewers.

The webcam is the most recent addition to our osprey education program. We shifted our presentation to an online format and reached 200 local fourth graders!

In June, we celebrated as our osprey female laid three eggs. We were delighted when all three eggs hatched in early July!

If all goes according to plan, we anticipate the chicks will be able to fly by the end of the first week in August. They should stay near the nest for a few more weeks before beginning their solo migration to wintering grounds.

All of the dramatic river scenery captured in the osprey webcam is protected open space due to combined conservation planning efforts by the Narrow River Land Trust, Town of Narragansett, US Fish and Wildlife Service and the RI Audubon Society.

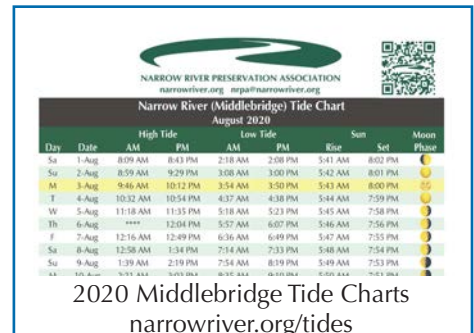


Osprey parents with three chicks via webcam early July 2020.



Online Resources on NRPA Website

NRPA's website narrowriver.org is rich with online resources! Here are a few we hope you will enjoy.



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Narrow River (Middlebridge) Tide Chart
August 2020

Day	Date	High Tide		Low Tide		Ebb	Sun	Set	Moon Phase
		AM	PM	AM	PM				
Sa	1-Aug	8:09 AM	8:43 PM	2:18 AM	2:58 PM	5:41 AM	8:02 PM	☾	
Su	2-Aug	8:59 AM	9:29 PM	3:08 AM	3:00 PM	5:42 AM	8:01 PM	☾	
M	3-Aug	9:46 AM	10:12 PM	3:54 AM	3:50 PM	5:43 AM	8:00 PM	☾	
T	4-Aug	10:32 AM	10:54 PM	4:37 AM	4:38 PM	5:44 AM	7:59 PM	☾	
W	5-Aug	11:18 AM	11:35 PM	5:18 AM	5:23 PM	5:45 AM	7:58 PM	☾	
Th	6-Aug	12:04 PM	12:04 PM	5:57 AM	6:02 PM	5:46 AM	7:56 PM	☾	
F	7-Aug	12:16 AM	12:49 PM	6:36 AM	6:49 PM	5:47 AM	7:55 PM	☾	
Sa	8-Aug	12:58 AM	1:34 PM	7:14 AM	7:33 PM	5:48 AM	7:54 PM	☾	
Su	9-Aug	1:39 AM	2:19 PM	7:54 AM	8:19 PM	5:49 AM	7:53 PM	☾	

2020 Middlebridge Tide Charts
narrowriver.org/tides



What Lives in the River VIDEO

In lieu of our family exploration event, we hope you'll enjoy this video featuring critters that live in Narrow River!
narrowriver.org/whatlivesinriver



NRPA & Tomaquag Museum Collaboration Story

Community Story Audio Recording
narrowriver.org/nrpa-tomaquag-museum-collaboration

2020 NRPA Kayak Raffle

Enter to win this Old Town 9XT kayak in 'sunrise' color!

\$5 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$10

Raffle drawing will be October 1, 2020

Raffle Tickets are available at Narrow River Kayaks, 94 Middlebridge Road, Narragansett

Many thanks to Narrow River Kayaks for donating the kayak!

President's Cove

Dear friends,

As President of NRPA, I can say that our Board of Directors has acted diligently in following the Governor's COVID 19 guidelines. And, interestingly, NRPA has moved forward on several fronts during this unprecedented time.

Thanks to volunteer Tom Farrell, NRPA has undertaken a Strategic Plan, ensuring that our Board of Directors will more effectively and efficiently concentrate on the prime objectives of NRPA: Water Quality, Education and Land programs.

The strength of NRPA is guided by our highly astute volunteer Board of Directors and of course the contributions of residents and friends of the watershed. Having cancelled fundraising events has affected our monetary flow, so as we start the new year it is more important than ever that every resident and friend of Narrow River to contribute what they can. I ask that our sponsors maintain or increase their contribution for the 2020-2021 year.

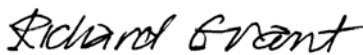
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Sponsor NRPA at narrowriver.org/sponsor.

As always, your donations make our programs possible, including water testing, osprey education program, college scholarships, Science and Art Fair awards, tide charts, boater resources, a watchful eye on development in the watershed, and a new thrust by NRPA to provide water quality data online.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to advance NRPA's effort to continue to protect, preserve and restore the quality of Narrow (Pettaquamscutt) River.

I wish you good health,



Richard Barker Grant
President, NRPA



MISSION STATEMENT

The Narrow River Preservation Association (NRPA) works to preserve, protect, and restore the natural environment and the quality of life of all communities within the Narrow (Pettaquamscutt) River Estuary and Watershed.

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NRPA Seeking Program Coordinator

NRPA's Program Coordinator, Alison Kates, is retiring from her position in December. She plans to stay with NRPA as an active volunteer.

NRPA is seeking applicants for the part time, fast paced position. The ideal candidate will have excellent communication, fundraising and computer skills.

Responsible for all aspects of event planning, outreach and office management, candidate should be friendly, flexible and work cooperatively with partners and stakeholders.

Send resume and cover letter to
nrpa@narrowriver.org.



NRPA is part of the United Way Workplace Campaign.

Our donor option number is 6239

If you plan to give to United Way, please consider designating a portion of your gift to NRPA.



NRPA is participating in the 2020 Rhode Island State Employees Charitable Appeal (SECA).

Our fund number is 6239.

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2020 NRPA Lesa Meng College Scholarship Awards

Since 1993, Narrow River Preservation Association (NRPA) has awarded scholarships to seniors graduating from high schools in the Narrow River Watershed as part of its Youth Environmental Education Program. This year is no exception. Although we have to accept virtual awards ceremonies, we are still very pleased to announce our 2020 NRPA Lesa Meng Scholarship winners: Edward Blessing, Reneé Fontaine and Clark Swanson.



Edward Blessing (at left), a graduate of Narragansett High School, will be attending the University of Rhode Island in the fall. He is considering majoring in Civil Engineering. Eddie was a member of the National Honor Society and a varsity athlete. He was on the football, basketball and baseball teams all four years. Eddie was the captain of the baseball team (All Division) and starting quarterback on the football team (All State). Balancing both school and work, Eddie worked as a counselor at Camp Narragansett and as an attendant at Adventureland Family Fun Park. Eddie has been a volunteer coach for Narragansett Little League and has spent many hours volunteering at community events for the Lions Club and Special Olympics.

Reneé Fontaine (right), a recent graduate of North Kingstown High School, plans to attend Quinnipiac University in Hamden, CT. She would like to pursue a bachelor's in health science with the eventual goal of becoming a physicians assistant (PA), perhaps working in pediatric emergency medicine. Reneé already volunteers her time and skill with the Charlestown Ambulance and Rescue Service. In her junior year, Reneé was the NRPA science fair winner at the North Kingstown High School Science Fair. She studied the effects of rising acidification due to climate change on brine shrimp hatching rates. She showed that hatching rates decrease due to the increased acidity levels. She was a four year member of the NK cross country team and enjoys step dancing.



Clark Swanson (left), a graduate of South Kingstown High School, will be attending the University of Rhode Island, where he is enrolled in the College of Environment and Life Sciences. He hopes to someday to work in an environmental-related field to help combat the effects of climate change. Clark was a member of the Gardening Club, and an advocate for recycling with the Sustainability Club. In September, he became an Eagle Scout of Troop 138 West Kingston. As a boy scout he was awarded the World Conservation Award. He balanced school and work. Clark worked at his family's cider mill in Jamestown. He also helped plant 300 apple tree saplings for his cousin's new organic cider orchard. Clark enjoys hiking, kayaking, canoeing, camping, and just spending time outside.

Volunteers needed at Canonchet Farm

Finally, the Friends of Canonchet Farm is opening up our volunteer project around the ponds.

We practice social distancing, require masks, and ask volunteers to bring their own gloves and water. Work days are every first and third Friday from 8:30 to 10:30am. We provide sanitizer for hands and tools. Email events@canonchet.org for info.



Volunteers needed for Invasive Species Removal

Narrow River Land Trust welcomes all to their workdays every second Saturday of the season from 9am - 12pm. Email office@narrowriverlandtrust.org with "Workday [date]" in the subject line to sign up and for updates.

August 8 - Benson Preserve

September 12 -Winter Preserve

October 10 -Walmsley Woods &
Lower Pond Preserves

November 14 - location TBD



Wear light-weight and light-colored clothing. Long-sleeved shirts and long trousers with legs tucked into light-colored socks. A hat with a brim to block the sun and sturdy shoes or boots for uneven ground. Please bring a mask to wear.

Bring gloves, hand clippers and loppers, water, snacks, sunscreen and bug spray.

The work can be grubby, but we'll have plenty of water, good cheer, and the satisfaction of caring for our preserves and improving their accessibility



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