



The Town of Narragansett invites you to  
“Gansett Days” A celebration of Narragansett  
*September 13, 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019*

**Main Exhibit Tent: Gazebo Park: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday**

- Information about the weekend, kiosks, all venues and participants
- Food Trucks: Sunset Farms and Gansett Poke Saturday and Sunday 12:00 noon to closing

**Thanks to our sponsors, partners and collaborators:**

- Narragansett Parks and Recreation Department, Narrow River Preservation Association, Narragansett Historical Society, Needful Things, South County Museum, Narrow River Kayaks, Narrow River Land Trust, Friends of Canonchet Farm, Narragansett Public Works Department, Maury Loontjens Memorial Library, Narragansett Planning Department, Alternative Strings Ensemble & The URI Jazz Trio, Warm Winds Ltd., Narragansett Surf and Skate, RI Department of Environmental Management, Narragansett Chamber of Commerce, Narragansett Wastewater Division, Natural Fitness, Boy Scout Troop 1 Narragansett, Boy Scout Troop 2 Narragansett, Cub Scout Pack 29 Narragansett, Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust, Narragansett Girl Scouts, South County Prevention Coalition and Narragansett Prevention Partnership, RE/MAX and The Historic Towers.

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## Friday September 13, 2019

- 10 - 3:00 pm **Book Sale:** Maury Loontjens Memorial Library, 35 Kingstown Rd, Narragansett, RI 02882. Presented by Friends of the Library. For more information, please call the Maury Loontjens Memorial Library at 401-789-9507.
- 10:00-4:00 am **Narragansett Chamber of Commerce:** 36 Ocean Rd, Narragansett, RI 02882 Located in the bottom floor of the Towers, the Narragansett Chamber of Commerce is proud to be both the official Welcome Center for the Town of Narragansett and the proud promoter of our area Chamber business members. The Narragansett Chamber welcomes over 25,000 visitors a year and serves as an important promotion site for our area festivals and fund-raising events. In addition to providing a calendar of happenings and links on our web site, locals and visitors can find information on fishing, biking, tides, places to stay, restaurants and things to do in Narragansett and Southern RI. All are welcome to join our general mailing list for information on special events like our RI Calamari festival and other events and programs offered by our members at [www.narragansettcoc.com](http://www.narragansettcoc.com) Please join us on Facebook and share your favorite photos of Narragansett on our Instagram account. In celebration of Gansett Days, special archival-quality posters featuring gorgeous photos by one of the original rock balancers, Carl-Peter Mayer and stunning paintings by Pati Sylvia will be on sale for the event. All profits from these sales will go to Tom Tessitore's kids for Parks and Recreation programs. Please stop by and say hello.
- 3:00 - 6:30 pm **South County Prevention Coalition and Narragansett Partnership for Prevention:** Promotional and Educational Materials on Underage drinking prevention
- 4:00 - 5:30 pm **Cee Cee & the Riders at the Gazebo:** Cee Cee Grimes- Vocals, Matt Bruneau- Lead and Slide Guitar Mike Rand- Rhythm Guitar and Harmonica, Roy Sauvageau- Bass, David Underwood- Drums female fronted five piece band serving up some good time, vintage rock n' roll with a heavy blues base. Original and cover tunes.
- 5:00 - 7:00 pm **Guided Sunset Paddle at Narrow River Kayaks, 94 Middlebridge Road.** Led by Naturalist Guide and Marine Biologist Catherine Alves and NRK Staff. Minimum: 4 participants Maximum: 15 participants Ages: 10 + (minors must be accompanied by an adult, participants under the age of 15 must be paired with an adult in a tandem kayak) \*Pre-registration is required, first-come-first serve other requirements: Must be able to paddle your own kayak. After brief instruction and orientation, paddlers set off on an approximately 2-hour round trip tour of the lower portion of the Pettaquamscutt Watershed, commonly known as "Narrow River". Paddlers explore the peaceful John H. Chafee National Wildlife Refuge at Pettaquamscutt Cove during a time of day when wildlife is most active. Participants learn about the unique features of the watershed, including its ecology, geography and diverse history. Let your worries melt away as the sun gently sets over the western horizon on your return to Narrow River Kayaks. COST IS FREE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. LIMIT 3 PARTICIPANTS PER PARTY WHEN MAKING RESERVATION. CALL OR EMAIL NARROW RIVER KAYAKS AT 401-789- 0334 OR [narrowriverkayaks@verizon.net](mailto:narrowriverkayaks@verizon.net) TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AS SPACE IS LIMITED FOR EACH ACTIVITY. ACTIVITIES MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELED IN THE EVENT OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS. Sponsored by Narrow River Kayaks.

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6:00 - 7:30 pm **John Cafferty & the Beaver Brown Band at Gazebo Park:** John Cafferty & The Beaver Brown Band is an American rock band from Rhode Island which began its career in the 1970s and achieved mainstream success in the 1980s. Originally known as simply Beaver Brown, they got their name from longtime friend William Bosworth. The classic lineup of the group started out as a New England bar band based in Narragansett, Rhode Island and established a following up and down the Northeast corridor with strongholds in the beach resort towns of Narragansett and Misquamicut, Rhode Island; New York City; New Haven, Connecticut; Boston, Massachusetts; and Asbury Park, New Jersey.

## Saturday September 14, 2019

8:00 - 1:00pm **Recycling Collection Event:** Location at the West Lot of the Town Beach across from the South Pavilion. Bring paper for shredding (no box limit but when truck fills, no more shred), and electronic waste (TV's, monitors, computers, laptops & tablets anything with a plug; DISPOSAL FEE of \$10/each for Freon appliances: air conditioners and dehumidifiers). Take advantage of this opportunity to recycle these items and free up space in your home. **No household hazardous waste, paint or Styrofoam will be accepted.** Sponsored by the Narragansett Public Works Department.

9 - 11:00 am **Hot Air Balloon Rides at Gazebo Park:** Tethered balloon rides available at Gazebo Park sponsored by RE/MAX, weather permitting. Four passengers per ride. Come and enjoy a five minute hot air balloon ride and see aerial views of beautiful pier area of Narragansett! Great picture opportunities!

9:00 am **What Lives in the River** at North Side of Middlebridge @ 95 Middlebridge Road from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Led by the Narrow River Preservation Association and Narrow River Land Trust. All ages, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. is an all-ages introduction to common fish, shellfish, crabs and other inhabitants in the river. This year's program features: ♦ Hands-on seining with experts to catch river creatures ♦ Guided walks along the intertidal zone and salt marsh to observe the inhabitants ♦ Access and exploration of the living shoreline from a kayak (optional, limited space available) ♦ River-water tanks and microscopes to examine river creatures, and guidebooks to help identify them ♦ Posting of a running tally of the creatures identified ♦ Experts to discuss the importance of estuaries as nurseries for fish & shellfish, the fascinating migration of river herring, and the role of river plants in the food web. Please wear footwear that can get wet. This event is designed for families with elementary or middle school children and is free and open to the public. Advance registration highly recommended. Sponsored by the Narrow River Preservation Association and Narrow River Land Trust

9:00 am **Walking Tour Sunset Farm:** Guided walking tour of newly opened public trail on Sunset Farm located at 505 Point Judith Road. Wear comfortable and appropriate shoes for walking outdoors in uneven terrain. Bug repellent and long pants recommended. Sponsored by the Narragansett Land Conservancy Trust. Length: 60 - 90 minutes

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- 9:00 - 1:00pm **Boy Scout Troop 1 Narragansett, Pack 29 Narragansett, and Narragansett Girl Scouts** As part of the Town's Gansett Days, Boy Scout Troop 1 Narragansett, Pack 29 Narragansett, and Narragansett Girl Scouts will be on hand to display scouting information and scouting history. All units will be next to the Touch a Truck Program in Veterans Park. Troop 1 is celebrating over 100 years of active Scouting in Narragansett. All the scouting programs will have games and fun for boys and girls of all ages (grades 1<sup>st</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>). Troop 1 hopes to have an air archery range there for the day. Come be part of the world wide scouting family and enjoy some scouting skills and games.
- 10:00 am **TAI CHI On the Eastern shore of Lake Canonchet:** Quiet your mind, strengthen your body under the direction of Tai Chi instructor, artist and writer Marcia Letourneau. The session will begin with a demonstration by Marcia's students of a 24-step form. After the demonstration, you will be invited to join in so you can begin to learn this form. Signed copies of a children's book, "The Magic Rabbit of Green Hill," written and illustrated by Marcia will be available for purchase. Sponsored by Friends of Canonchet Farm.
- 10 - 11:00 am **Stand-Up Paddle Board Yoga at Narrow River Kayaks, 94 Middlebridge Road.** Summer in South County, RI is not complete without yoga on the water! Classes are taught by certified yoga instructor and avid swimmer/waterman, Jessica Ackerman, RYT, on boards suitably designed for yoga practice. This will provide you with a great core workout as you experience balancing on a whole new level. You will be guided through a dynamic yoga flow to strengthen and lengthen all of your major muscle groups while helping you to control your breath, cultivate balance, and deepen alignment with yourself and the natural energy of practicing on the water. Each class is designed to energize your body, increase strength and fitness, and promote relaxation through freedom of being on the water. The class is conscientiously designed for all levels of fitness and intended to provide the safest SUP YOGA experience. No yoga or SUP experience is necessary. Modifications will be offered along the way so the class is suitable for every level. Includes: Equipment and instruction from fitness/water/yoga instructor Jessica Ackerman. COST IS FREE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. LIMIT 3 PARTICIPANTS PER PARTY WHEN MAKING RESERVATION. CALL OR EMAIL NARROW RIVER KAYAKS AT 401-789-0334 OR [narrowriverkayaks@verizon.net](mailto:narrowriverkayaks@verizon.net) TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AS SPACE IS LIMITED FOR EACH ACTIVITY. ACTIVITIES MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELED IN THE EVENT OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS. Sponsored by Narrow River Kayaks.
- 10 - 12:00 pm **Salt Marsh Walk at Middlebridge Property:** 95 Middlebridge Road. Salt marshes are a) the loveliest, most peaceful shoreline of RI, b) more biologically productive than a rainforest, c) the "nursery" for RI finfish, d) "species specific," many plants and animals can only live and breed here, e) in decline, but why? Answer: all of the above. Join Nick Ernst, Wildlife Biologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as he leads us on a tour of Garrison House Acres, a coastal Preserve of the Narrow River Land Trust. Learn about the role salt marshes play in the life cycles of plants and animals. Learn what is happening in salt marshes today, why they are changing and what measures are being taken to preserve them. There are many things to see and observe, but most of all, a stroll through the salt marsh with a knowledgeable guide, is a lovely way to spend the morning. Wear close-toed shoes, socks, and long pants because poison ivy and ticks are part of our biodiversity, too! Bring binoculars if you like. Please sign up at [Office@NarrowRiverLandTrust.org](mailto:Office@NarrowRiverLandTrust.org)

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- 10 - 2:00pm **Touch A Truck:** Veteran's Park, 10 Memorial Park, Ocean Road: Family fun to view your favorite large trucks and equipment. Children will be allowed to touch, climb, and ask questions about their favorite vehicles and equipment. Accompanying personnel will teach the children and adults about the equipment displayed and how these machines help us and our community. Bring a non-perishable food item to be collected and donated to the local food pantry. Sponsored by the Narragansett Department of Public Works
- 10 - 3:00 pm **Narragansett Waste Water Treatment Facility:** 990 Ocean Road. 30 minute guided tours. Back by popular demand, do not miss this opportunity for a guided tour of Narragansett's award winning Waste Water Treatment Plant. Down the drain isn't the end of the line. It's the start of our clean water commitment. Walking shoes and or sneakers are recommended. Sponsored by the Town of Narragansett, Wastewater Division.
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- 4 - 5:30 pm **Paula Clare at the Gazebo:** These days, Paula entertains as a vocalist, singing in various musical projects—whether it's her singer-songwriter showcase of classic and original compositions, PAULA CLARE MUSIC; or singing and playing keyboards with honky-tonk and roots rock band BISCUIT CITY; or with her blues, R&B and funky soul-jazz group, the PAULA CLARE BAND.
- 6 - 7:30 pm **Roomful of Blues at the Gazebo:** For the last 50 Years Roomful of Blues has become legendary in the Blues World. Roomful has toured the world and recorded over 25 albums. With five Grammy nominations and a slew of music awards and accolades Roomful has become a recognized leader in their genre. New England's Roomful of Blues has been around even longer than Alligator Records. For all that time, they've celebrated the jump blues, R&B and early rock 'n' roll music of the horn-powered golden era of the late 1940s and early 1950s. Roomful doesn't simply recreate the famous and obscure 78s and 45s of those years. Inspired by the spirit of the groundbreaking bands of the post-World War II decade, they've breathed new life into vintage songs, infusing them with boundless energy and fiery, swinging solos and vocals. For the last two decades, Roomful has been led by Chris Vachon, one of the most underrated guitarists in the blues. For 40 years, their hard-charging horn section has been sparked by Rich Lataille on tenor and alto sax. Energizing the band on Hook, Line & Sinker is their terrific vocalist, Phil Pemberton. Phil's performances showcase his flamboyant, multi-octave voice, fun-loving attitude and his deep understanding of the era when jumping blues bands were fronted by huge-voiced singers like Roy Brown, Wynonie Harris and Big Joe Excellent, marvelous wall-to-wall grooves...between the wicked guitar work and the brassy horn section, things never stop swinging.

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- 9 - 10:00 am     **Beach Yoga Class:** Yoga for all ages, and all levels. Location: in the sand, between North and South Pavilions. No experience necessary. We will practice a wide range of standing (including balance), seated and lying down poses. Modifications will be given for all poses, while those with a regular practice will be encouraged to go deeper into the poses. Always wanted to try Yoga and still haven't? This is a fun class to take. Dress in Layers; Bring: a towel (it works better in the sand than a mat), water, sunscreen, sunglasses and your fun, Notify instructor of any health issues before class. SPONSORED BY: Natural Fitness, 76 Narragansett Avenue, Narragansett, RI, 02882. Gina Raheb is a 10,000 hour Experience Registered Yoga Teacher. For more information call: (401) 783-9229, or email: [www.naturalfitnessyoga.com](http://www.naturalfitnessyoga.com)
- 9am – 12pm     **Mini Surf Camp: Warm Winds'** Surf Camp is an in-depth educational program that teaches sun and water safety, surf etiquette, ocean awareness, and environmental impact. Warm Winds introduces the lifestyle and sport of surfing through progressive, technical, and knowledge-based phases.
- Learn to surf and more in this "Mini Surf Camp" led by the team of surf camp counselors at Warm Winds. We welcome people of all ages to come and join us in celebrating Narragansett through the eyes of a surf camper!
- Description: Gansett Days Mini Surf Camp hosted by Warm Winds will take place Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9:15 am – 12 pm. Check is at 9:00 am at the Surf Truck located in the South Parking Lot of Narragansett Town Beach. This takedown of our popular Youth Surf Camp is a free event. All equipment, surfboards and wetsuits will be provided.
- All minors must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Adults are not required to surf with children but are totally encouraged to do so!

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Space is very limited, so preregistration is recommended. To reserve your spot, call us at (401)789-9040.

10 - 12:00 pm **Guided Eco Tour at Narrow River Kayaks, 94 Middlebridge Road.** Our Master Naturalist Guide takes paddlers through either the kettle ponds at the head of the watershed or the salt marsh area of the John. H. Chafee National Wildlife Refuge. As you explore the tidal flats and estuary, witness firsthand what lives in the watershed formed by the last receding ice sheet over 19,000 years ago and what makes it so unique. Hear about past, present and future concerns for the watershed and efforts being made to preserve the ecosystem. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. LIMIT 3 PARTICIPANTS PER PARTY WHEN MAKING RESERVATION. CALL OR EMAIL NARROW RIVER KAYAKS AT 401-789-0334 OR [narrowriverkayaks@verizon.net](mailto:narrowriverkayaks@verizon.net) TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT AS SPACE IS LIMITED FOR EACH ACTIVITY. ACTIVITIES MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELED IN THE EVENT OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS. Sponsored by Narrow River Kayaks.

10 - 2:00 pm **Tour of Historic Towers:** Informational tours of the Historical Towers of Narragansett. The Towers, also known as the Twin Towers is a historic structure located at 35 Ocean Road in Narragansett, Rhode Island. It is the only remnant of the Narragansett Pier Casino built in the 1880. Sponsored by The Towers Committee.

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- 12 - 3:00pm **Learn to Surf:** Surf Area/Sea Wall of Narragansett Town Beach. Sponsored and provided by Gansett Skate and Surf Peter Pan-Proprietor. Get a free surf lesson from staff at **Gansett Skate and Surf**. Surf boards and wet suits provided. Limited to 10 persons per session. Pre-registration recommended.
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- 1:30 - 3:00 pm **Alternative Strings Ensemble at the Gazebo & The URI Jazz Trio** The students experience a lifelong engagement with music through comprehensive music education and community partnership programs taught by Erin Erban.
- 1 - 4:00 pm **Helicopter Rides at Veteran's Park:** Based at Westerly, RI, HeliBlock is committed to providing exceptional helicopter tours with safety and customer satisfaction as their top priorities. HeliBlock began as an aerial sightseeing business offering helicopter tours from Block Island, RI and providing clients with the ultimate helicopter experience while focusing on outstanding customer service and exceptional value. Come and enjoy a 3-5 minute helicopter ride and see aerial views of beautiful Narragansett!
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- 4:00 pm **History of the Beach at North Beach Club House, Narragansett Town Beach** 79 Boston Neck Road. Recreating the Wonders of Yesteryear with a barbershop quartet, sketches, stories, great displays, Ye Olde Time Photographers info (Narragansett was the most photographed town in the US around the turn of the century.) Much more!!!! History comes alive in a very lively way! Program from 4:00 till 5:00 pm but stay, browse and enjoy! Space limited - register via our website - [www.narragansetthistoricalsociety.com](http://www.narragansetthistoricalsociety.com). Sponsored by the Narragansett Historical Society.
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